

## Description of France.

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ation of  
Paris.*

*S. Dionise*





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ing of euery particular Country, Cittye, For-  
tresse, River, Mountaine, and  
Forrest therein:

*Collected out of sundry approued Authors & very amply tra-  
ly, and historically digested, for the pleasure of those  
who desire to be thoroughly acquainted  
in the state of the kingdome &  
dominion of France.*



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## The Preface to the Reader.

**T**hou seest before thine eyes (gentle Reader) the face of the flourishing Kingdome of France, whose lustre and gloire at this present is a little eclipsed and dymmed by the cyuill dissention and bloudy broiles that a long time haue afflicted it. I knowe many famous Cosmographers haue in their maps described the country in ample sort, vnto whom an ancient Historiographer gaue the first and greatest light, I mean Iulius Caesar who in his learned and eloquent Commentaries of France did so excellently well that all the wryters in the world, and lay all their pens and wits together in that matter, cannot doe so well againe, or once come neare him, considering the time that he wrote was so long agoe. Amongst other that haue written since of the country and people of France, Beile-Forests hath not deserved the least praise for his Collections out of sundry good and approued Authours, published concerning this matter. Now thou hast also here of vs a brief Topographicall description of France and Navarre, gathered out of many of the later wryters not to bee neglected, wherein are exactly and briefly described their Regions, Provinces, Citties, Castels, and Fortresses, the commodities of enery soyle, the nature of the Inhabitants, their aunclent and moderne manners, lawes, rights and customes, with diuers other thinges coincident to the same, and verie meete to bee knowne in such an Historie. To bee brief I shall not neede to write at large of the Country in this place, for that thou shalt bee informed thereof most amply by one that can sett it downe in better manner then I. I will speake a worde or two of Paris, the capitall City and metropolis of all France, an vniuersity whose fame is spread throughout all Europe for the famous Scholes of learning therein, and I thinke it to bee beside one of the most populous Cityes in the world. The number of whose Inhabitants is of many myllions, and to make shorter, is, as it were another world, or rather as one said of ancient Rome, an epitome of the world: with the Crowne of France is invested at this present Henry the Fourth lyneally descended from Saint Lodouicke, who is now by his Armes with the princes of his bloud totall for his title and right vnto the Crowne: Remarked for the most heroeicall and magnanimous King, for the most victorious and invincible warrior that euer unsheathed sword



for a Kingdome: hauing bin personally present and fought more then  
fourteen of sweete pitched fields, and had victorie on his side at them  
all. So that I thinke if we seeke amongst all the Empires of the Assyrians,  
Persians, Greecians, Romans, Alman, Iewes, Tartarians and Mahome-  
tans, and ouer all the face of the whole world beside, we cannot find a king  
of a greater race and more noble courage then this: hauing had xxiij.  
kings in his house before him and all in line masculine of his fathers side:  
his mother being the heire and yssue of a Queene, whose mother was sister  
to Francis the Great, excelled in wit, learning and haughty courage of a  
woman all other Christian Princesses that euer had liued before her. And  
if there be any that will contradiect me concerning the kings roiall person  
or his ancient offspring and descent, to compare it to some base, poore and  
ignoble Family, he is lesse able to speake of the royal, high, ancient & noble  
families of Christendome, then frogs and rats are to discourse of the  
greatnes, height, essence, beauty and admirable operations of the Sunne:  
and for his country if there be any that will emperache the goodnes and  
beautie thereof, to say that it is not so fruitfull nor so pleasant, nor so well  
furnished and replenished with all thinges that are to be desired in such a  
flourishing kingdome (Peace only excepted which the God of heauen sent  
downe vpon them speedily) he is no more able to dispute of a Country then  
a Pole or a House of the man in the Moone. For his Royall person, and  
noble progenie his very enemies and al the world shalbe iudge. And for his  
kingdome and country William of Saluste Seigneur of Bartas, a man of  
that nation to whome credite may woorthily bee giuen in such a matter:  
whose verses in praise of his natie colle in his Grand Day of his second  
weeke, I haue translated thus out of French:

O Fruitfull France! Most happy Land, happy and happy thrice!  
O perle of rich European bounds. O earthly Paradise.  
All haile sweete soile! O France the mother of many conquering knights,  
Who planted once their glorious standards like triumphing wights,  
Vpon the bankes of Euphrates where Titan Day-torch bright,  
Riseth, and bloudy swordes vnsheathd where Phœbus drownd his Light,  
The Mother of many artist-hands whose workmanship most rare  
Dimittes Nature's workes, and with her fairest flowers doth compare.  
The Nurse of many learned wits who fetch their skill diuine  
From Rome, from Greece, from AEgypt farre, and ore the learnedst shine,  
As doth the glymmering-Crimsin-dye over the darkest gray:  
Titan ore starrs, or Phœbus flowers ore marigolds in May.  
Thy foulds are Ocean Seas, thy Tounes to Prouinces arise,  
Whose euill government their walls hath raisd to lofty skies.  
Thy soile is fertill-temperate-sweete, no plague thine aire doeth trouble,  
Bastillyons tower borne in thy bounds: two Seas and mountains double.

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## To the Reader.

The Crocodile fierce-weeping-teares annoyeth not thy maine,  
 The speckled-race of crawling Serpents haue not thy domaine,  
 Not in one Acre of thy land that cursed Steele is set,  
 Backs-venimous-winding to and fro infect thy meadowes Greene,  
 The Tigre-swift of-foote prayes not within thy mountaines hollow,  
 Nor hungry-soming ore thy Plaines inrag'd his chace doth follow.  
 No Lions in thy desarts lurke: no Sea-horse monster rumbling, (tumbling  
 Swymmes to thy maine, and steales thine Infantes vnder waues them  
 If in thy streaming-rivers-rich-swift-gliding be not told  
 The golden sands mong Pibble-stones, nor ore of massiue gold:  
 Yf Siluer pure dropping from downe thy mountaines be not found,  
 And euery step *Perle, Ruby, Diamond, Grenate* on thy ground,  
 In contre-changing thou art as rich in woode, in wolfe, in wines,  
 In Salt pits, Sindon fine, good Graine: which are sufficient mines  
 To make thee farre and neere renownd of earthly Kingdomes Queene.  
 Tis only Peace, thou lackst. Alas! O God whose Eyes haue scene  
 Our blessinges and our miseries, thine Eyes of mercy glance  
 Vppon our present State and quench the flames consuming *France*:  
 Sweete father tyme our stormes to calme: Thy heavy hand retyre,  
 Hide quickly in thy Quiuer all the Arrowes of thine Ire.

Thou canst not Gentle reader desire to knowe any moze of this country  
 then this excellent poet hath told thee, concerning they great treasures, com-  
 modities and pleasures thereof, whererin it is woorthely to be preferred be-  
 fore all other countreyes vnder the scope of the heauens. Thou seest first  
 with what woorthy and honorable titles hee saluteth this rich and flour-  
 ishing territozy: then speaketh of the great numbers of warryours, famous  
 Artists, and men of great learning that it hath brought forth and bred.  
 Next setteth downe the Situation of the Countrey: to wit: that it is  
 bounded towards the west and the North with the huge Ocean Sea: & to  
 the Southward with the Mediterrane: being full of diuers riuers or rather  
 little seas, passing and runnings euery way cleane thorow the mayne: the  
 names whercof are: The Rofne, the Saone, Dordone, Loyre, Marne,  
 Seyne, and Oyle: besides a great number of others smaller and yet verie  
 famous to: It hath her cities, as Paris, Tholouse, Roan, Lions, Bourdeaux,  
 and many other which are moze populous then so many dutchies, Countreies  
 and whole prouinces. The fortresses at this day are sayre, moze in number  
 and better fortified then euer before. As for the Ciuility of the people, I  
 leaue that to the iudgment of the stranger that hath liued there. The ferti-  
 lity of the Country is almost incredible: the ayre is temperat euery where.  
 For rampires and walles it hath the two seas: and likewise the moun-  
 taines called the Alpes towards Italic: and the Pyrenzean mountaines to-  
 wardes Spaine, beside it is exempt from all venimous, cruell and raulsh-  
 ing

ing beastes, as Crocodyles, and other monstrous Serpents, which spoile  
the country of Aegypt and diners other partes of Africa. If it haue not  
mines of Gold and Silver, precious Stones and perles: yet hath it in  
cont re-exchang other mines of farre greater commoditie and neare to be  
sear ched to the botome: to wit: linnen-clothes: woade, wolles, saile, corne  
and wine: The woad and saile are found in Languedock: saile is founde  
also in the Country of Guienne: wolles in Prouince and in Beaulse, where  
is also wheate in abundance: wine in diners partes, and in all prouinces  
except fower of five great prouision of two or three of these commodities:  
The poste hath remarked the principall thinges whereof great trafficke is  
made into foyrains and neighbour nations from France. This then mighte  
suffice to learne that nation to acknowledge the great gifts of God and bee  
thankfull for the same. And seeing they haue so many benefites, to knowe  
what they want, and to aske it at his hands that can giue it. So also with  
my hart I can wish to this kingdome (that whilome was so flourishing)  
and I hope all good christians with the same, a flourishing, firme, cluill, un-  
fained and christian Peace, the band of true vnicity and conoord to indure  
amongst them for ever.

# A TOPOGRAPHICAL

## Description of the two kingdoms

*Fraunce and Navarre, by their seuerall Parliaments and Prouinces.*



**PARIS** which serueth for the Ile of *Paris.*

France, Picardie, Champagne, Bry, Auxerre, Puyfaye, Gassines, Hurepoix, Chartres, with the territories of the same, Perche, Montforte, Amaury, Timere, Vandosme, Dune, Beauffe, Orleans, Bloys, Sologne, Tours and Touraine, Maine, Aniou, Poictou and the land of Anniz, Angolefme, Lymosin, the high and lowe Marche, Berrie, Neuers, Bourbon, Auuerigne, Forest, Lyons, Beauuiolois, and Mascon.

2 Roan serueth for Normandie.

*Roan.*

3 Renes serueth for Breitaine.

*Renes.*

4 Digeon serueth for Burgondie.

*Digeon.*

5 Grenoble serueth for Dauphine.

*Grenoble.*

6 Aix serueth for Prouince.

*Aix.*

7 Tholouse serueth for Viuares, Volay, Genou-

*Tholouse.*

dan, Languedock, Rouergue, Querey, Foix, Cominges, the countie of Ite in Iordan, the countie of Gaure, Agen, Cendon, the countie of Lestrace, Armignack, Bigorre.

8 Bourdeaux which serueth for Xantonge, Peri-

*Bourde-*

gori, the land between the two seas, Bourdeaux, the

*aux.*

land



land of Medoch, Buchez, Laundes, the duchie of Al-  
bret, Bazoles, and Gascoigne. Mets with the territo-  
rie thereof which haue one President or soueraigne  
Judge.

The King of Navarre hath also two parliaments  
which serue for the countries which he holdeth in  
soueraignie.

- Pau.* 1 Pau which serueth for the territorie of Bearne.  
*S. Palais.* 2 S. Palais or S. Pelasge wherunto do resort al the  
Nauarrian part of Biskay.

*An abstract out of Belforest.*

The Realme of Fraunce is diuided into eight  
parts in respect of so many Parliaments ther-  
in contained.

- Paris.* Paris serueth for many countries.  
*Tholouze.* Tholouze which serueth for Languedocke and  
*Bourde-* part of Guyenne.  
*aux.* Bourdeaux which serueth for the rest of Guienne.  
*Roan.* Roan which serueth for all Normandie.  
*Grenoble.* Grenoble which serueth for all Dauphine.  
*Digeon.* Digeon which serueth for Burgondie.  
*Aix.* Aix which serueth for Prouince.  
*Renes.* Renes which serueth for Britaine.

*Metz.* Hereunto as a ninth part may bee added Metz,  
which serueth for the same towne and the territorie  
thereof where the king hath one President which  
iudgeth absolutely.

*Jurisdic-* Under the iurisdiction of Paris are comprehen-  
*tion of* ded the Badiuise of Laon which hath the firste  
*Paris.* place, then Rheims, Amiens, Abbeuille, Bullogne,  
Senlis, Sens, Auxerre, Troy, Vitrye in Partenay, Cha-  
lle-thierry, Chaumont in Baisigny, Meaux, Prouince,  
Melune, Poictiers, Angiers, Mans, Tours, Blois, Bur-  
ges,



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*The situation of Paris.*

*S. Dionise*

4 A Topographicall  
waters and marthie grounds.

The Prouostship of Paris hath seven vnder bail-  
liues, tearmed the seven daughters, whose seates  
doe beare the name of vnderballifs, and the guardi-  
an of the Prouostship of Paris is the cheefe Bailie:  
their names are these, 1. Poissi. 2, S. Germain in  
Laye. 3, Tournon in Bry. 4, Torcie in Bry. 5, Corbeyl.  
6, Mont-le-herye. 7, Gonnefe in France.

*Poissy.* Poissy standeth nere the riuer of Seine in a plesant  
small vale, on the one side enuironed with groues,  
and on the other side with arable grounds.

*S. Ger-  
mains.* S. Germain in Laye is very well seated, and in a  
good aire, specially for the game.

*Nanteere  
Wood of  
Treason.* Nanterre a villiage wherin S. Genouiese was born.  
Within one league of S. Germain there is a great  
wood almost all oke, tearmed the wood of Treason,  
if any twigge thereof be cast into the water, it pre-  
sently sinketh like a stone, and sithens the treason  
(whereof it taketh the name) was there contriued,  
it neuer prospered, for being cutte it springeth no  
more, a matter vtterly repugnant to the nature of  
Oke, at this present time there standeth little but  
Standers and Stompes. It is betweene Beck-  
gate and Cat-gate, fise leagues from Paris. In a  
corner thereof somewhat within the woode on the  
side that lieth toward S. Germain, there standeth a  
great stone table, wherevpon it is sayde that Gau-  
nelon of Hault-escul and his confederates conspyred  
the destruction of Charlemaigne and his posteritie.

*Corbeil.* Corbeyl, a Countie lieng vpon two riuers, Seyne  
and Essonne, or the riuer of Estampes, it is situate in  
a faire feild, but overlooked and commanded with  
two hilles.

Among certayne ruines and decayed buildinges,  
between

between Confolans and Charenton, there is an Echo which answereth the voice ten times.

Villeneuve S. George or S. Georges new towne, is a great Borough, three leagues distant from Corbeil.

*Villeneuve.*

Mont-le-hery, which is not far distant from Chartres, betweene the same and Paris lyeth the manor house of Palaiseau Longuineau, Anthonies bridge, or Pont-Antoine, Queenes borow, or Bourg la Roine and Vau de Ceruay an Abbey.

*Mont-le-her.*

Gonesse no walled towne, but neuerthelesse is one of the fayrest and wealthiest Boroughs in all France, they make there most excellent bread.

*Gonesse.*

The Land and territorie of Chartres.

Chartres is a Dutchy situate betweene the 49. and 50. degree of the North latitude, howbeit Ptolome placeth it in the 48. Westward, it bordereth vpon the territorie of Orleans and Beausse, Northward on Perch and Normandie, Southward vpon Dune, and Eastward vpon France and the land of Gastine. The soyle plentifull in all kind of graine, fruit, cattell, wine and gardeines. Thorough this country passeth the riuer of Aure, which falling from Perch, keepeth his Channell alongest Chartres, Nogent le Roy, Dreux and uer, & thence running nere to Louiers at Pont de Larche, falleth into Seyne. The Church of Chartres was founded long before the comming of Iesus Christe, in the honour of a virgine which should bringe forth the Sauour of the world. In Chartres there is a Vidamy of damye: the Bishopricke is forty leagues outright, and in Ecclesiasticall causes hath iurisdiction ouer

*Chartres.*

*Vidamy of Chartres.*



1600. **Barthies of Steeples.** It hath vnder it Bloys, Vandosme, Dune, Dreux, Manie, Montforte Great Perch & Poissy. Sundry baronages of Perch, doo at euery death or alteration of Loide relieue of the Bysshopricke as Allay, Brow, Monnirall, Anthone, Bazoch, the Viscountie of Laygny, and Messe doo relieue of the Vidam. The inhabitants of Chartres are familiar and courteous, and greatlie giuen to buying and selling of coine.

*Chartres.*

Chartres is a Bapltwicke, and hath a iudgment seat, whereupon do depend these vnder bailiwicks, 1. Neuschastell in Timerais. 2. Great Perch. 3. Perch Gouer. 4. Estampes. 5. Dourdant. 6. Nogent le Roy. Bonneual.

The land and terrytoipe of Chartres comprehendeth also Beausse and Sologne, wherof:

*Beausse.*

Beausse hath on the South Gastine, on the East and North, the terrytoipe of Chartres and Vandosme, on the west. This countrey lieng betweene Loyre and Paris is one of the plentifullest in wheate throughout Europe, and euer is an assured storehouse to the Ile of France and Paris. It lieth leuel, no one place higher than other, and the plaines so even that no riuer can runne through it: whereby they haue there no water but out of Dooles, marshes, and welles, which for the most parte are drie in summer and so consequentlie water very scarce: such drought maketh this Countrey more apte to coine then any other. Therin do stand som towngs & villages though not of any great name, as Toury Angeruille, Meruville, Gemuille, Artenay, & Pluuier, which is rather thought to be in Gastine.

*Sologne.*

Sologne lieth beyond Loyre, which boundeth the Eastside thereof as Orleance doth the North, Berry the



the South, and Touraine the west. The chiefe Townes therein are Gergeau, Sully, Ferie, S. Laurent des Eaux, Clery, and others that lie in the plain which stretcheth from Orleans to Bloys, and is one of the fayrest in France, the soyle is sandy and so consequently good for Rice.

Estampes a Dutchy, well seated in a good Vine ground, the towne is of a reasonable circuite: howbeit but slenderly inhabited and is very waste, and yet rich by reason of the trafficke of corne, there is a faire and strong castell; also a river which is well stored with Crayfishes, but hath no name but what it borroweth of the towne.

Estampes

#### Dowelan and Espernon Townes.

Dune dependeth of the bailiwick of Bloys, it lyeth in the 48 degree of the North latitude, and is 10 leagues broad but not so long: on the East lieth Orleans, on the West Vandoime and the territorie of Maine, on the North Galerne, Chartres and Perche, and on the South Bloys, the head Towne thereof is Chasteau Dune which standeth on a rocke vpon a very high hill and hard to come to, especiallye on the North side, from whence they may see as farre about as the day can conceiue. This Castle standeth vpon such a hanging hill, that it seemeth to hang or leane in the cloudes, and is fortified with a great towre. In this towne is the iustice seat for the whole county of Dune, whereon doo depend five castlewicks viz. 1. Montiguy Gancelon. 2. Courtalane. 3. Montilar. 4. Esdars. 5. Rebecan: With others which haue recourse by appeale like as Chasteau dune hath to the royall Sea of Bloys, the suburbs

Chasteau Dune.

are 4. times greater, better built and more plentifully inhabited than the towne. The dwellers of good capacity, they speeche mostly neat, proper and wort. Toward Perch the territory of Dune is full of groves, forrests and pastures, with pooles and store of cattell. Toward Orlance and Bloys, it is plentiful in corne and vines, the vine grounds do end at Chasteau-dune, for approaching toward Normandy there are no more except some few wild branches, which they maintaine only for a shew, making veruice of the fruite of the same. In this Countrey is the lake of Verde, which containeth two leages in length, and 250. paces in breadth when it is at the fullest, and is well stored with fishe and wilde-foule.

*Verde  
Lake.*

*Bloys.*

Bloys. This countrey is well watered with dyuers springs and brookes, besides foure Ryuers: Loyre, who taking his head in the forrest of Chamirout, passeth by Illiers, Alby, Bontedail, so belongeth the Suburbs of S. Iohn de la Chaine, at Chasteaudune, so to Vandosme, and thence falleth into the river of Saire at a Village called Elcoublanc, which is a league above Chasteaudune. In swaloweth the River of Conny which springeth in the forrest of Orlance nere to Arrenay, deuideth it selfe into two channels, whereof the one runneth to Baygnolet in Beausse, and the other to Varez. This smal stream notwithstanding whatsoeuer rayne, dooth neuer arise, ouerflow, or is troubled: but contrariwise riseth, ouerfloweth, and is most troubled in the hottest season of the yere and in the dogge dayes, if it chauce to ouerflowe and passe extraordinarily beyond the bankes and vsmall bounds of his bed, the contrey men are sure of a hartest plague or famine the

the next yeare after. The third is called Aigre, and the fourth Hyerre, which so soone as it is sprung vp, immediatly hideth it selfe in the earth, not farre from the first head, breaketh out againe, and soone after falleth againe into the earth, where it runneth aboue a leaguc vnder ground. This countrie appertaineth to the house of Longueville, which is descended of Iohn the Bastard of Orleance, and naturall sonne to Philip of Fraunce, who was sonne vnto king Philip of Vallois.

Millencay & Remorentine doe depend vpon the *Millencay* Bailliwe of Blois. Remorentine is a smal *and Remo* towne standing vpon the territorie of Blois, but comprised *rentine.* in Sologne. It standeth in the riuier of Sodre.

Blois standeth in the 47 degree of the North latitude, and somewhat more on the East lieth Orleance, on the West Touraigne, on the South Sologne and Berry, on the North Vandolme & Beausse; toward Beausse it standeth vpon Loire, part vpon a hillie rocke, and part vpon the playne. For the plentie of excellent wines, corne and fruit, few countries may be compared to Blois. It hath store of vnderwoods, orchards, riuers, pooles, and quick springs of faire and cleere waters, whereof doe proceede the fruitfulnessse of the soile: the feede is faire, the ayre wholesome and very temperate, the heat moderate. It excelleth Beausse and Sologne wherein it doeth participate, in that besides the aboundance of corne, it is provided of wine, fruit, and water betweene Blois and Orcheze (a village within two leagues of it) where is found earth in colour and effect resembling the Turkes Terra sigillata. At Blois are conduits of such greatnesse and height, that three horsemen may passe afront vpon them. There is also a  
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Bailli-



20 A Topographicall  
Baylwoike and Justice seat, whose iurisdiction ly-  
eth fortie leagues out, and containeth seventeene  
townes, and six hundred great parishes.

*Chabot.*

Chambort standeth within three leagues of Blois  
from whence it may be seene, it is a castell wherein  
is a staire, vpon the which a great number of people  
may passe too and fro at once, and yet not see each o-  
ther. Therein is also the M. garden containing x.  
akers of land, from the which stretcheth an allie to-  
ward the forrest of Blois, which is halfe a league  
long and six fathome wide, beautified with faire  
rowes of elmes, ech one planted six foot from other,  
whereof there are about six hundred in a ranke.

*Vandosme.*

Vandosme and the territorie thereof are bounded  
on the East with Beaulle, on the West with Anlow  
on the North with Perch, and on the South with  
Touraine, it is a Dutchie appertaining on the far-  
ther side to the king of Nauarre, and is of the land of  
Chartres, the towne standeth vpon Loire.

*Hondan*

*& Dreux*

*Perch.*

Hondan & Dreux are also of the land of Chartres.  
Perch a Countie, is also of the countrie of Char-  
tres hauing on the East and North Normandie, on  
the South Chartres and Vendosme, on the West the  
territorie of Maine.

The notablest Townes therein contained, are  
Mortaigne, Bolesme, Feuillet, in high Perch in Perch.

Mortaigne, Bolesme, Feuillet, Gouet. Bazoch Gouet.  
Aluge, Nonumirall, Brow, also Anthon, Malues, Raux-  
uiaillard, Conde vpon Huynes, Nogent le Rotron.

The Territorie is watered with the streames  
of Huynes, Comerche, Lambec.

Part of this countrie belongeth to the Duchy of  
Alençon, and therefore afozetime depending vpon  
the parliament of Roan, but now vpon the Exche-  
quer



quer of Alençon; the rest is of the Baddwoke of Chartres, and so consequently hath recourse to the parliament of Paris.

*The Baylwiike and Duchie of Orleans.*

**T**his countrie hath on the East Gastine, on the South Sologne, on the North Beaulle, and on the West Touraine. Orleans is as well seated as any Towne in Fraunce, hauing at the foot of the walles Loire, which comming out of the mountains of Auvergne passeth toward Geuouand. In this riuer they take Salmones quicke, Blaice, Aloes, and Lampraies, and they vse therupon great trade of merchandise, Loiret falleth into it, which is a spring or fountaine, a small league from Orleans vpon the side of Oleuet, and runneth not past the length of one league in all, notwithstanding whatsoever drought it neuer drieth vp, neither is it euer frozen, so that when Loir is so frozen that the milles cannot grind, they haue recourse to those of Loiret. The soile is fruitfull and well inhabited, sufficiently prouided of corne, as well of the selfe growth as from Beaulle, their neighbour and the side of Sologne. Great store of fish and foule, but specially of good wines both white and Claret, for the Orleans wines doe beare the name of the being more helthsome, delicate, and nothing so corrosiue as the Gascoigne wines. Their plentie is such that they sende great store to Paris and all other parts of Fraunce, also into other forren countries. The towne standeth high, very wholesome, and in a fine aire, and the inhabitants doe speake as eloquently for French as doe the Castilians for Spanish, or the Tuscans for Italian.

*Descrip-  
tion of  
Orleans.*

Unto the Bayliwike of Orleance haue recourse Bois commigne, Yeuuille which is in Beausse, Chasteau Reuard, Yeur the castell, Neusuill at the lodges, Syan, Montaugis, Loris, Neune vpon Loire, Boilgencye.

*Baugency.*

Baugency vpon Loire, one of the delicatest toowns of the Realme, as abounding in wine and corne, beside the pleasure of all sorts of game, as also in respect of the traffike.

*The Forrest of Orleans.*

The Forrest of Orleance is twelue leagues long and feedeth an infinit number of cattel, besides that they there fetch their timber to build with, as also fetwell for the whole countrie round about.

*Melune and the land of Gastine.*

*Melune.*

Melune standeth vpon Seine, hauing on the East Bry, on the South Gastine, on the North that side of Paris that loketh to Corbeil, and on the West Beausse: it is about the 4 degree of the latitude, part thereof standeth vpon a high ground, paunching vpon which in that place maketh an Isle as at Paris, in the which the Castell standeth. The soile is pleasant and fruitful in corne, wine, wood and fruit, and the river in fish. The Citizens are courteous, actiue, and of good capacitie.

The Bayliwick and Justice seat of Melune hath recourse to the seas of Moret, Nemours, Chastealoudon, Chapelle la Reyne, Villy in Gastine.

*Gastine.*

Gastine hath on the East Bry and the River of Seyne, on the West Beausse, on the South the Forrest of Orleance, and on the North the land by Chartres, the soile is in many places sandie, and yeeldeth but little. The most famous places are Nemours, Chaste-

Chasteauloudon, Norer, Ferte, Fountainbelean, and  
an infinit number of Gentlemens houses.

S. Maturine l'Archant standeth in a large, sandie, *S. Maturine l'Ar-*  
drye, and almost barren soile. *chant.*

Fountainbelean (the kings mansion) is very well *Fountain-*  
leated. Wood, game, brookes, pooles, rivers, wild- *belean.*  
foule, and fish, are plentifull.

Moret a small towne vpon Loire, easie to be forti- *Moret.*  
fied, and a reasonable good soile.

Nemours standeth also vpon Loyre. The Duke *Nemours.*  
of Nemours is of the house of Sauoy.

### Sens.

**S**ome men thinke Sens to be in Burgondie, others *Sens.*  
in Champagne, and some others doe thinke it to  
be a prouince of it selfe. The territorie of Sens hath  
on the East Champagne, on the West Gastine, on the  
South the territorie of Auxerre, on the North Bry,  
from the which the riuer of Yonne doth part it, for  
the iurisdiction of Sens reacheth almost to Monte-  
reau. The towne standeth vpon a hill, and leaneth  
ouer the riuer of Yonne, which runneth at the foote  
thereof, large and wel ditched, with cleere streames  
continually running through the streetes thereof,  
which springeth out of a Lake that is without the  
towne, not farre from the which there is a Spring  
whose water naturally dooth turne into pommish  
stones, which be very light and haue correspondance  
with the froth. The countrie aboundeth in Corne,  
Delicat wines, flesh, whit meats, wooll, fish, and o-  
ther commodities: there is also more store of Oile  
and Nuts than in any other part of all Fraunce, for  
the whole countrie is couered all ouer with wal-  
nuts,



puts, yea all the playne from Meutereau vnto Sens, wherein are sundry towne and villages, faire meadowes and good grounds, also on the other side of Yonne toward Gastine, are many hilles, some very high, loaden with vines.

*Pont sur  
Yonne.  
Villeneuve  
le Roy.*

Pont sur Yonne a little towne, whose inhabitants are nimble, ticklish, and giuen to warres. Villeneuve le Roy the onely sea royall, depending vpon the Bayliffe of Sens.

### *The land of Auxerre.*

*Auxerre.*

**A**uxerre is situate in a most fruitfull soile, very pleasauntly vpon the riuer of Yonne, which diuiding it from Burgondie and the territorie of Neuers, cometh to wash the lowest part of the towne, which beginning in a vale climbeth vp to the toppe of a hill, whereupon standeth the castle, an ancient thing compassed and fortified with great walles. This towne consisteth of eight parishes, out of this soile doth proceed the most parte of the wyne that watereth Paris.

*Chablis.*

Chablis a small towne not farre from Auxerre.

### *Champagne.*

*Champagne.*

**C**hampagne and Bry are herein accounted but for one land, through the which the riuer of Marne taketh his course, and so at Charenton which is within two small leagues of Paris, dooth fall into Seyne. These countries doe on the one side of Marne comprehend these Townes following: Laigny, Meaux, Forcy, Colomiers, Prouince, Montereau, Bry Countie Robert, Nogent, Merie, Troye, Bar  
vpon

upon Seine, Mussy l'Euesque, Douzenay, Vandoeuire, Bar upon Aube, Ferte upon Aube, Pont upon Seine, S Florentine, Erny the castell, Fonville, Sedan, Rebel, the land of Bassignye, the land towarde Vitry in Perch, which parteth Bar from Champagne, and Fraunce from Lorraine. On the other side are Rheims, Glaye, Gaudelu, Chasteau-Thierry, Dormat, Espernaye, Chalons, Laygny, S. Menehou.

Bry and Champagne haue on the East Lorraine *Brye.* and Parre, on the West Fraunce and Hurepoix, from *Cham-* the which Seine dooth diuide them, on the South *pagne.* Burgondie, and on the North Picardy.

Champagne is a countrie flat, fruitfull, and meet for tillage. Brye is woodie, but yet in a manner as fruitfull as Champagne, the firmament cleere, and the aire gentle and temperate, the riuers great, the people actiue and giuen to good husbandrie, the Nobilitie courteous, valiaunt, and manye; the towones welthy, the villages well inhabited, and to be breefe, they want nothing necessarie for mans life: corne, wine, cattell, wood, fruit, game, sight, fishing, as plentiful as in anye other Province of Fraunce. Howbeit the people of Champagne are somewhat teastie and selfwilled.

Troye The cheefe Towne of Champagne, standeth some 47 degrees and a few minutes from the Equator, being situate upon the Ryuer of Seine. The soyle fat and fruitfull. The circuit of the wals the largest in Fraunce. It hath a Baylwick and Justice sea, whereunto haue recourse Bar upon Seyn, Mussy l'Euesque, Forest upon Aube, Negent. Pont upon Seyn, Erny the castell, S Florentine, all Towones situate in Champagne.

Chastillon standeth upon Seyne.

*Chastilla.*

*Bar*

*Bar.*

Barr vpon Aube is parcell of Balsigny.

*Arffy.*

Arffy standeth also vpon Aube.

*Balsigny.*

Balsigny whereof Charcont is the cheefe towne, it is a towne of great resort standing vpon a rocke, furnished with a reasonable strong castell. It hath no river to water it, neither any water other than in cisterns, sauing one spring which is beneath the

*Dogan is**a Towne-**house or a**Costome-**house.*

Dogan, neuerthelesse beneath runneth the river of Suize, which taketh the head out of the fountayne of Ormanes, and pooles of Maran, within foure or five leagues of Chaumont. Marne which springeth out of Marmore neare to Langres, runneth a good way from the Towne. The cheefe traffike is cloth both woollen and linnen, and the drapers and weauers are of greatest account among Marchaunts, and are welthie and rich. The soyle is fruitful. To the Bayliworke and Justice sea doe answere the seat of Barr vpon Aube. It hath also Consular Jurisdiction.

*Monti-**randell.**Teinuille.*

Montirandell standeth vpon Marne.

Teinuille, of the dependence of a yoonger sonne of the house of Guyle. It is a principallitie wherupon doth depend the Boroughs of Sullye, Douleuant, Roches, Escairon, with other Castels and Villages.

*Vassy.*

Vassy, a royall seat of the inheritance of Guyle, and patrimonie of the Scottish Queene, it standeth in the midst of the woods vpon a small river named Bloys, and hath goodly fountaynes, of the which one being in the Hospitall of the Dogan, yeeldeth such plenty of water in lesse than 120 paces it driueth sundry milles. Not farre from Vassy are the mines of earth whereof they make that notable Bole Armoniak, that is so greatly esteemed and transported all ouer Fraunce and other Prouinces.

Parthois



Parthois, wherof Vitry is the chiefe towne, lieth vpon *Parthois.*  
 the riuer of Saux, which coming from the countrie of  
 Bar, & springing at Cheners (a strong hold 12 leagues  
 from Vitry) doth within halfe a league of the sayde  
 towne of Vitry fall into Marne. The Bayliwike of  
 Vitie containeth betweene 35 & 40 leagues square,  
 beginning at S. Disiers vpon Marne, & higher on the  
 south, & stretcheth Northward to Nogent l'Arant.

Under the same are comprehended the seats of S. Me-  
 nehon, Teismes, Espernay, Roueray, and Passe-avant *Passe-a-*

This towne standeth vpon a hill, hauing on the *vant.*  
 east the plain of Parth, on the west the riuer of Marne  
 which beginneth there to carrie laden boats, wher-  
 by they transport to Paris al kinds of marchandise,  
 corn, pulse of al sorts, yron, hempe and other wares,  
 whereof Parth doth abound. The country is great,  
 and euery way inclosed with the riuers of Saux and  
 Marne, which maketh it almost an Island, except on  
 the east, where these 2 riuers be 2 leagues asunder, &  
 in that place standeth S. Disier, a faire strong towne.

Prouins a bayliwike of the land Bry, hauing vnder *Prouince.*  
 it Sefane, Ley le chasteil, Bray vpon Seyn, Montereau a *Montereau*  
 towne at the meeting of Seine & Yonne, the castell be-  
 tweene two riuers, but ouercroved by a high moun-  
 tain wheron the vines grow: on the east it hath be-  
 tween the 2 riuers an extent of medowes, drawing  
 toward Trole, on the west Gastine, on the north Bry,  
 on the south Gastile with the confines of Moret. The  
 soile fruitful in corne, wine, fruit, hay and wood, but  
 especially pleasant for the game, chiefly on the side  
 that lieth to Bry.

Betweene 2 riuers do lie the villages of Morolles *Morolles*  
 & Molu, wherof Bertrād of Foelsi knight of the order, *and Molu*  
 who is known by the surname of Genuay, is Lord.

On the side of Bry are the villages of Fonges, Celle, Taucers, Vernon, Valences, whereof the eldest of the Allegrynes of Paris is Lord. They be now two brothers, William Allegryn Lord of Valences, and Octavian Lord of Bordes, a Village not farre from Valences.

*Nangis.* Nangis appertayneth to the Lord of Beauvais.  
*Blandye.* Blandye, the mansion house of the Duke of Longueville.

*Prouins.* Prouins standeth vpon a hill, and is built on the point thereof, the river of Morat watering the foote of the said hill falleth neere vnto Laygny into Marne. There is small store of wyne, whereby the people are forced to furnish themselves from other places. But the soyle yeeldeth plentie of Corne, Pastures, Wood, Springs of clere waters, and especially red Roses, called at Paris Roses of Prouins, whereof in the said towne they make great store of Conserues.

*Colomiers.* Colomiers in Bry Dependeth of Meaux.  
*Meaux.* Meaux standeth on a hill in the very fat and fruitfulness of Brye. At the foot Westward on the side of Fraunce it hath Marne. This towne is diuided into two parts, whereof the towne is one, and the market (a very strong place) the other, and it is a brooke that falleth from the rocke that parteth them: the holde is easie to be fortified, as hauing nothing to maister or ouerthrow it.

The Bayliuicke of Meaux comprehendeth the seats of Crecy, Colomiers, Ferte Gaucher, Bryeconty, robert and Torcye Doe belong to the castell of Paris.

*Monceaux.* Monceaux a castel and a house of pleasure, which the Queene mother hath built in the Territorie of Meaux.

*S. Fiacre.* S. Fiacre a Religious house.

Iouerre

Iouerre and Fermouchier religious of women,  
 Loygny which hath a fayre fountayne,  
 Castle. Thierry, a Bayliwike whose underbailiffs  
 are Chastillon vpon Marne, Ouchy le Chastell, Tres-  
 sons milly S. Front.

*Iouerre &  
 Fermou-  
 chier.*

*Loygny.*

*Castle-*

*thierry.*

*Rheims.*

Rheims an Uniuersitie and Bayliwike, compre-  
 hending the seats of Chalons, Veruz, Espernay,  
 Tismes, and the Bayliwike of Sauldron.

Chalons standeth vpon Marne, bordering East-  
 ward vpon Barr, Northward vpon Retell, & West-  
 ward vpon Espernay, which also standeth vpon  
 Marne.

*Chalons.*

### *Picardye.*

**P**icardye hath on the East Flanders, fro whence  
 the riuers doe diuide it, on the South Cham-  
 pagne, on the West the Sea and part of Nor-  
 mandy, and on the North the prospect of Callais and  
 coast of England. It is watered with the Riuers of  
 Some, Oyle, Ayne, Escaut, Scurpe, and others. The  
 countrie is great, and as well inhabited as any o-  
 ther in Fraunce. It is one of the fruitfuller in the  
 world, and a principal storehouse for Paris, wanting  
 nothing but corne.

*Picardye.*

It containeth these Bishoprikes: Soissons, Sen-  
 lis, Beauuais, which some count in Fraunce, Noyon,  
 Lion, Amiens and Bullogne, in steed of Teruin.

The notablest places are Fere, Gandelu, Villiers  
 Colsteruz, Beaumont, Creyl, and Verbery betweene  
 Marne and Ayne.

Betweene Ayne & Oyle are Lyance, Velly, Nito,  
 Riemont, Compegne and Chauny. Breteuile, Cler-  
 mont in Beauuais, Mondidier, Pinguignie, Blangis,



Abbeville and Valerye.

Between Oyse and Some: Veruin, Guise, S. Pelle, Landrecy, Fousome, Bohan, S. Quintin, Nesle, Roye.

And Some encloseth in Ham, Peronne, Corbye, Dourlens, Rue, Crotoye. Heldin now in Decay, Reny, Montereuil on the Sea, Staples, Bullogne.

Where the land waxeth narrow along the coast of the sea, and so forth by the countrie of Oyse which comprehendeth the Townes of Guyne, Ardres, Hames, Blarues, Callais.

*Soissons.* Soissons is in the Bayliwike of Laon.

The territorie of Laon is comprised betweene the rivers of Ayne and Oyse, whereof Laon is the cheefe towne which standeth, it is a bayliwick whereon do depend Soissons, Noyon, S. Quintin, Riemont, Coucy, Chauny, Guise, Peronne, Mondidier, Roye.

*Lyans.* Lyans or the Lady of Ioye, is not far from Laon.

*Compiene.* Compiene is in the same quarters.

*S. Quintin.* S. Quintin the head towne of Vermandois, scituat upon Some, environed with fennes and medowes

*Ham.* is the key of France. Hard by are Ham & Chastelot.

*Chastelot.* Guise, a Duchie and ancient inheritance of the younger sonnes of Lorraine.

*Guyse.* Peronne, a strong towne upon Some: Corbye, Roye, Mondidier, Nesle.

*Beauvais.* The territorie of Beauvois whereof is cheefe: Beauvais or Beauvois in a fayre seat, having the little fruitfull hilles on the one side, with the Medowes and pastures on the other, then the arable landes and vine groves. The walles thereof well flanked and rampired, the ditches deepe & large, with sluies to let the water out or in fro the brooks and rivers. The towne is one of the greatest & best let out in all Fraunce, so that in beautye of building, strength

Strength of rampiers, statelinesse of Churches, and pleasauntnesse of feed it is one of the notablest in all Fraunce, the territorie for three or foure leagues about the towne is so full of Burroughs and great Villages, that the one is not past halfe a mile from the other. The soyle yeeldeth the finest flax that may be, especially Bale, a small Towne where the Flemings and Hollanders do resort for those kinds of flax, whercof they make there so notable fine linnen cloth, which they disperse and sell ouer the whole world. In the same soyle they digge also a kind of earth (almost as excellent as that of Venis) to make vessels and pots. But the originall of the cheefest wealth of this towne ariseth of their woollen workes, and Diapre, for there they make the best Serges in all Fraunce, yea such as may compare with those of Florence. The Stannels also of Beauuais are the finest in France, & are transported al ouer Fraunce, Germanie, Spaine, Italie, & Greece.

Clermont in the territorie of Beauuais, a Countie. *Clermont*  
Gerberoy a village not far from Beauuais Beaumont *Gerberoy,*  
vpon Oyle, do al belong to the bishoprik of Beauuais *and Beau-*

To the Bailiwike thereof haue recourse Com- *mont.*  
pigne, Clermont in Beauuais, Creyl. The Prouost-  
of Augy, Chaumont in Welxin, Pontoise, Beaumont *Com-*  
vpon Oise, Cressy, Ferte milon, Pierrefons, Moatmo- *Angell-*  
rencey, a small towne neere to Senlis.

Amiens vpon Some which doth almost compas it *Amiens.*  
about, it hath the deepest & the most fearfull ditches  
in France. On the east lieth the land of Artois, on the  
south Vermandois, on the west Beauuais, & the fron-  
tiers of Normadie, on the north Dourdens. It is one  
of the best & fruitfuller townes in Fraunce, in respect  
thercof, it is exempt of garrison, for the inhabitants  
are so valiaunt, that they are able of themselves to

withstand any aduersarie, the Mayor and Sheriffs haue the custodie of the Towne, with the charge of the warding, as also nightlie to set watche and Sentinell.

*Abbeuille*

Abbeuille a strong hold vpon Some, in the diocesse of Amiens, it is the cheefe Towne of Pontieu, a countrie so called in respect of the great number of bridges therein contayned, which proceed of the diuersitie of brookes that doe fall into the Sea about S. Valerius.

In this countrie are these towne, Abbeuille, Pequignye, Dourlens, Aury, Crecy, Rue and Crotoye, whom three brooks do water. Reny & Mutterell are on the sea, Heldin & Terwin are decayed, and the Bishoprike of Tirwin is transported to Bullogne.

*S. Omer.*

S. Omer, a parcell of the Loto countrie, and subject to the king of Spaine, it is one of the strongest that may be, both by the natural scituation and manuell fortification. It standeth on the riuer of Dae, which falleth into the sea on the North side Graueling. On the North lyeth the countrie of Oye, on the West Bullogne, on the South Pontieu and part of Artois, and on the East Flanders.

*Oye.*

*Guien.*

*Bullogne.*

Oye, Guine, Bullogne, three countries together being limited Eastward with the territorie of Flanders, by the riuer of Dae, southward with Picardie, and the Bayliwike of Mutterell, from the which the riuer of Canche diuideth Bullogne, and Westwarde and Northward by the great sea. The whole countrie comprehendeth many towne, villages, boroughs & castels, as Beauquesne, Caerteuil, Estaples, which standeth at the fall of Canche into the Sea, S. Riquier, S. Iosse, Pont de Bricq, and others.

*Bullogne.*

Bullogne is strong and inexpugnable. It is diu-



ded into high Bullonge and base Bullogne, and is watered with the sea, which is not much more then a hundred paces from the high Towne. High Bullogne is inclosed with strong walles, and fortified with very deepe ditches.

Guynes a Countie, wherein standeth the strong Castell of Blannes, the house and hill of Inglebert, and the towne and fort of Guynes, which is divided in two, the one part standing in the salt fennes, the other vpon firme land, and so strongly as it seemeth inexpugnable.

*Guynes.*

Betweene Guynes and Ardres also is a verpe strong Towne by the fennes of Belangen & Ardres, with that channell of the Sea that runneth into Guynes, and parteth the countrie of Oye & Guines, making that countrie invincible.

In the high countrie of Guines lieth the Haven of Nicullet, Artincourt, Peuplinge, and others.

Callais is scituate fouresquare, and is every way terrible, on the North lieth Rice-bank vpon a poynt of land that runneth into the Sea, on the West the causey of Nicullet bridge, on the South the salt washes fleeing from Hammes, on the East the lande of Oye and the downes which stretch euen to Graueling.

*Callais.*

The land of Oye, so called by reason of a small towne of that name therein.

Langres with the remainder of the territories of Champagne.

**L**Angres, a strong towne nere the mount Vosagus vpon the frontiers of the free countie, which together with part of Bassigny lyeth on the East side

*Langres.*

side therof, on the North that side of the mount Vossegus that breedeth Marne, on the West that side of the same mount from whence Seyne doth spring, on the South Bourgondie, within which Dutchie this towne is comprehended, but the dependences haue their recourses to Sens.

*Vandoeur*

Vandoeur, a strong castell in the territorie of Langres, neere vnto the head of Seyne. These lands doe abound in corne, wine, groues, yron-mines, and other things.

*Vignory.*

Vignory, a Towne standing some quarter of a league from Marne, betweene two hilles, vpon the one whereof standeth the Castell.

*Montelclair.*

Montelclair, a castell three leagues from thence, standing on the top of a high hill in the countrie. It hath bene fortified as being the first front in Fraunce on the side of Lorraine, and at the foot of the same hill is the great borough of Montelclair, a Castell, three leagues from Rimanont.

Other places. Joigny, a Countie, Tonnerre, a Countie.

*Vezelay.*

Here was the famous Clark Theodote de Bezabotne.

Vezelay and the Castell of Grimont are built on the toppe of a hill, along the foote whereof runneth the river of Yonne.

The land of Neuers or Niuernois, a Duchie.

*Neuers.*

This countrie is large, and watered with three nauigable riuers, Yonne, Allier, and Loire: hauing on the East Bourgondie, on the South Bourbon, on the West Berrie, on the North Gastine and Sologne. The cheefe towne thereof is Neuers vpon Loire. The river of Nyeure runneth along the East side of the walles thereof, It standeth vpon a hill

hill, round about inclosed with good strong walles  
and great towres well ditched, and beautified with  
a stone bridge of twentie arches ouer Loire, wate-  
red with diuers fountaines, wherewith they maye  
alwaies fill their ditches. It hath no suburbs, and  
contayneth tenne parishes. Halfe a league beneath  
it Allier falleth into Loire, Nyeure doth continually  
driue yron mils and forges. The countrie is full of  
wood & pasture grounds, so that the people doe giue  
thēselues much to the breeding of cattell. They are  
poore & liue miserably, as hauing no will to labour,  
except in some few places between Neuers and Cha-  
rite. There are toward S. Leonards some Silver  
mines which are not much haunted, but the yron  
mines are well frequented, by reason there is wood  
ynough, beside they vse some stone cole which they  
find nere Dezize within 2 leagues of Neuers: they  
haue in the forrest free stone to build with, the best in  
Fraunce, & that they transport to Orleans, Blois, &c.

In the land of Neuers are 11 walled Towns, as  
Neuers, Dezize, Clamecy, Douzi, Monluis, Angilberts,  
Corbigue by S. Leonards, S. Sage, Luizy, Premery, &c.

S. Pierre le Monstier, is of the dependances of Ne-  
uers, and a bayliuicke wherevnto haue recourse the  
land of Douzye, Xamcoignes, Cusset, the borrough  
of S. Steuen of Neuers. The rest answereth to the  
prouostship of Neuers, as Charite vpon Loire.

S. Pierre  
le Mon-  
stier.

There be also other townes as Castlechinon, Lor-  
nye, Cosne, which belong part to the king, and part  
to the Duke of Neuers.

S. Pierre le Monstier standeth on Allier, & lieth  
vpon Bourbo & Cosne, which lieth toward Sologne.

The land of Douzy or Douziois, is an addition to  
Neuers, wherby the Duchie containeth 30 castellons.

Douzy



## Berry.

Berry.

**T**his countie hath Loir, Nevers, and Bourbon on the East, on the North Sologne which the river of great Soudre parteth from Berry, on the west Tourain which the river of Vndre parteth thereto, and on the south the borders of Lymosin, from which the river of Creuse doth divide it.

This land containeth many towones, villages, boroughs and hamlets, forrests, hilles, brookes, fountaynes, vine grounds, arable landes and pastures, with great store of cattell, wherewith they traffike throughout all Fraunce.

Of these towons are Bourges, Sancerre a countie standing vpon a hil, with the river of Loire at the foot therof. Colne vpon Loire, accounted in the land of Nevers, but not within the Duke of Nevers Lordship. Coucrefant and the castell vnto thereupon depending.

Besides the which there are Aubigny vpon Nerre, whose Lords are Descended of Berant Steward Lord of Anbig, a shot well known in the warres of Naples. Remorenti vpon Soudre, is of the dependance of Blois. Selles in Berry. Menesto vpon Cher. Vierzô. Dun le Roy vpon Aurette. Chasteauneuf vpon Cher. Boussac, Aigurand, Chuy an ancient house. Argéon. Chastre vpon Vndre. Victow and Berry by the river of Creuze. Blanc in Berry which parteth Lymosin. Chasteau roux, Buramois, Paluau, Chastillon, vpon Vndre. Preully a goodlye place that parteth Lymosin from Berry.

Thence returning Southward, are Chasteau-millant, Limeres, Chaumroux, Moudun, on the chiefe

seat

seat depending vpon Bourges.

Bourges doth somewhat leane to the side that regardeth the fennes, the river of Auret runneth thorough it. It is one of the greatest towones in France, and so strong, that it is thought almost impregnable, by reason of the walles, which rising out of the quicke springs, can neuer be diuied nor turned away they haue such gulphs and depths. The great tower is round, from whence they may see thier or foure leagues, the walles are three fadome thicke, the outside formed like a paynted dyamond. It is also fortified with other towones, walles, and deepe ditches, shaped like an Alies backe. The forme of the enclosure of the towone resembles a sheep coate, being in compasse 4004 fathomes, & fortified with 80 great towers. It hath seven gates, seven canonicall Churches, and seuentene parishes. Also the house of Iames Geur now belonging to the Lords of Aubespine, the Dutch house, the Sandes, otherwise called the Arenes, in olde time an Amphitheatre. It hath an Vniuersitie, also a bayliwike, where vpon doe depend the seigs of Issoudun, Dun le Roy, Menu vpon Yeure, Contressant.

*Bourges.*

Under that of Bourges are Sancerre, a Countie which comprehendeth diuers parishes and Castell-wikes, also the Baronage of Mont-faulcon, which also contayneth sundry parishes.

*Sancerre.*

*Mont-faulcon.*

Lary a small Town armed with a strong castell, with the rivers of Cher and Arnon running along by it.

*Lary.*

Issoudun the second roiall towone of Berry strong, well walled and rampired, with a castell standing somewhat aboue it, whose walles the river of Cher doth wash. It is a welch towone, and of traffike,

*Issoudun.*

contayning but two parishes, the soile yeldeth good wine and wooll.

Of this sea doe depend diuers Castellwikes, as S. Seuiere a borough, Limeres, Baulac, Perouse and others that are of the same Lordship.

Of the Bayliwike doe depende Chasteauroux, Gracay, Argenton, Chastre, Chasteaumeillant, Chastelet, Charots, and many others.

**Charots.** Charots, a towne vpon Arnon, betweene Bourges and Issoudun.

**Chasteauroux.** Chasteauroux standeth 16 leagues from Bourges, and is scituat vpon Vndre, neere to Blois and Limosin. It hath a faire castell, & containeth 4 parishes.

**Deols.** Deols a fruitful soile in corne and wooll, wherof they make great marchandise, the iurisdiction therof reacheth aboue 20 leagues about, and thereof do depend about 120 sieges or farms. It is now a countrie belonging to the Lord d'Aumont.

**Argenton.** Argenton, a towne with a strong castell, armed with ten towers. It standeth vpon Creuse, and belongeth to the Lord of Monpensier.

**Boussac.** Boussac and Perouse, Townes vpon the borders of Bourbon and confines of Limosin, the latter standeth in a barren soyle.

**Chastre.** Chastre a towne and castle vpon Vndre neere to Limosin. It belongeth to the countie of Chasteauroux and to the Lord of Aumont.

**Chasteaumeillant.** Chasteaumeillant lieth now wast, howbeit there is yet a strong castell.

**Dun le Roy.** Dun le Roy, the third roiall towne of Berry, and roiall sea.

**Chasteauneuf.** Chasteauneuf vpon Cher.

**Vierzon.** Vierzon, the third roiall sea of Berry, in a fair seat by reason of the woods, forrests, warrrens, and the riuers



counties of Cher and Yeure, howbeit the soile is sandie  
and more meet for gardens than tilth.

Ametrun vpon Yeure, the fourth roial sea of Berry. *Ametrun*  
Aubigny, a towne. *Aubigny.*

Coucreffant, a great borrough vpon Soudre, with *Coucrof-*  
a castell almost impregnable, and of the fayrest and *sant.*  
best built in Berry, it is a roiall sea. *Augilon.*

S. Aignan, a Countie vnder the walles whereof *S. Aignā.*  
Doe runne Cher, Soudre and Yeure together, and do  
carrie reasonable boates.

Lenrous, a towne well walled.

*Lenrons.*

Vatan a towne belonging to the Lords of Vatan.

*Vatan*

### *Tourain*

**T**he territorie of Tourain is not very great, on *Tourain.*  
the west lieth Anieon and Poictou, from which  
Creuse doth diuide it, on the South Poictou,  
along the riuer of Creuse toward the haven of Piles,  
also Berry, on the East Blois and Berry, from which  
Cher doth diuide it, on the North Mayne and Van-  
dosome, which Loir parteth from it.

Towns subiect to the iurisdiction and Duchie of  
Tours: Chinon, Lodun, Thouars, Langers, Amboise,  
Loche, Chastillō vpon Vndre, Montrichard, & others

Tours is one of the welthiest towne in Fraunce, *Tours.*  
as well in respect of the fruitfulnessse of the Soile,  
which is termed the garden of Fraunce, as through  
their traffike, especially of silke.

Amboyse, the kings mansion standing vpon Loir *Amboise.*  
in the best aire and fayrest seed in Fraunce.

Montrichard, situate in a faire plaine on the one *Montri-*  
side, environed with rocks and groues, on the other *chard.*  
side goodly medowes, The riuer of Cher is a neere

neighbour into it, without the towne doe appeare the houses vnder ground, and about them the gardens and vine groues.

*Chaumont.*

*Cormery.*

*Loches.*

Chaumont vpon Loir, well seated.

Cormery, an Abbie.

Loches, a towne and castel vpon Vndre. It hath on the East Chastillon vpon Vndre, on the North Cormery, on the West Beaulieu, which is not past two bowes shot from it. The Castell is such as fewe places may be compared with it, it standeth vpon a rocke with one onely way to it, and the same defended with a fayre gate, armed with a great Bulwarke, strong walles, and double ditches large and deepe, so as no humane strength is able to force it, neyther is there any way to beat it without breaking the Rocke which is about 1000 or 1200 paces long. In our Lady church in the Castell lieth fayre Agnes, Lady of Beaulieu, hir Coombe is of blacke Marble with hir picture liuely drawn therevpon. On the east side of this castell be the manors, which are the Kings lodgings, and neere thereto the lodgings of faire Agnes, which are very stately. These two together doe make but one. There is also a great Dungeon which serueth for a prison to such as the King mindeth to keepe very straight, wherein are two yron cages, the one called Balue cage, because Lewis the eleuenth did commit cardinall Balue to the same. These cages are six foot wide, and eight foot long, hauing no more roomie but for a pallet to lie vpon, the grates are of wood verie thicke corded on with yron, and the partitions so straight, that a man cannot put his hand out of them. Loches is a sea royal, depending vpon the iustice sea of Tairs. The suburbs are greater than the towne.

Paremy

Paremy, which is not far from Loches, is a castel, and standeth upon a hill in a good aire, with a park on the backside that is two leagues compasse, and walled round about, wherem are two faire great pooles, the tobone is watered with the river Brignon, the vicountie of Paremy belongeth to the house of Voyer.

Paremy.

Lodum, a sea roiall betweene Tonnerre & Creuse,

Lodum.

Chinon upon Creuse in a faire and fruitfull soile,

Chinon.

Touraine hath plenty of fruit, which bearing the name aboue all other are transported into diuers countries, also of Corne, wine, wood, Game, and wholesome waters. It is greatly traffiqued, the people courteous, tractable, faire spoken, whereby among all French speeches that of Touraine is best polished.

Tourayn.

Mans standeth upon the river of Sarth.

Mans.

Mayne.

The territorie of Mayn is diuided, for Mans and the confines therof remain in the kings hand, but the tobone and Duchie of Maine belongeth to Charles of Lorraine Duke of Guyse.

Mayne.

This countrie hath on the East Perch, on the West Britaine, on the South Anicow, and on the North Normandie. It hath three riuers Maynne or Maine, whereof the tobone and Duchie of Maine which standeth thereon doe take their name, Loire which parteth Mayne, Touraine and Vandosme, and Sarth which riseth in the land of Chartres. In this countrie are two faire Forrests, sundry groues and faire large landes, but more fit for game and breed of Cattell than for tillage, whereby the coun-

trie



trie consisteth both of fat and leane, fruitful and barren, and many places aboundeth in wildfoule. The inhabitants are painfull, industrious, not easily deceived, more craftie than their neighbours saue in words, which is repugnant to the Proverbe, That one Mauxman is worth a Norman and a halfe.

*Mans.*

Mans is a Bayliwike and Justice sea, wherunto haue recourse the Castell of Loire, Vall, Beaumont, S. Sufane, Chasteaugotier, Flesche, Maine, la-Iahais, Sable and Ferte Bernard. All vnder one clymat, of like fruitfulnessse, and of like liberties and lawes.

*Aniow.*

*Anicow*

This countrie is one of the fruitfulest in France; it is hille, as being replenished with risings, & hilles, loaden with vines, beautified with forrests, groues and bales, flourishing with medowes and landes, the nurles of cattel; but aboue all the white wines do bear the name to be the best in the realme. It hath aboue fortie riuers, beside fountaynes, pooles, ponds, washes, brookes, stemes for fish, and other small lakes, besides this region is moistened vnder ground with good springs. It hath Tourain and Vandosme on the East, Britaine on the West, Poictou on the South, Mayne and La-Val vpon the North.

*Angiers.*

Angiers standeth vpon Mayenne, which runneth through it, and is fortified with a fayre and strong castell.

Of the Bayliwike of Angiers do depend the seags of Saumure, Bauge, Beaufort, Pont de Se, and others.

*Riuers in Anicow.*

Riuers in Anicow. On the one side of Poictow are Loire, the cheefe, Viene, which comming out of Poictow

Poictow and Limosin falleth into Loire, in the Baronage of Monserean Monserean aboute Saumeure, a roiall see.

Dine which springeth neere Moncontour, falleth into Losse of Poictow, & Losse into Thonets, which falleth into Loire neere Samur.

Antane, whereinto doe fall the lakes and pooles of Brissac, whereof Charles of Losse is Countie.

Layion runneth to Chenille, a county depending of the marquisat of Beaupre, and so falleth into Loir aboute Cassone, which is the B. of Angiers.

Leure falleth into Loire beneath S. Florentz.

Guyner beneath Chant, Ceaux.

On the East, west, and North side. Anthyon beneath Logne, receaueth Litan, which taketh the name of Latan, the Lords wherof doe beare the surname of Neaille, also Coesnam which passing by Bagge a towne and underbapltwoike, and by Beawfortie an underbapltwoike and countie, from whence are issued the families of Cauillac and others, falleth into Anthyon, aboute Audard, which is neere the slate quarries, whereof Anicow is full, as also of white lyme & marble of all colours, and so finally Anthion falleth into Loire, beneath Angiers aboute Pont de Se.

Loyr swalloweth Ternaure beneath Lude, a countie belonging to Guy of Daillon, Seneschall of Anicow, which runneth by the sayd Towne, and so falleth to the Baronie of Fleche, thence to Duretail, a countie belonging to the Lord Frauncis of Speaux, marshall of Vielluile, so to the castell of Verger, belonging to Peter of Rohan, Prince of Guimenay, also by Matefilon an auncient house, and finally falleth into Sarth, beneath Bryolay, which appertayneth

neth to the marques D'Elboeuf.

*Sarh.*

*Mayne*

Rivers on the east, west & North side of Anicow. Sarh commeth out of Normady, and runneth along the countrie of Mayne, runneth to S. Nicholas de Sable, a towne and baronage of the Lords of Guyze so to Chasteauneuf a baronage, and so beneath S. Aubins falleth into Mayenne.

*Mayenne.*

*Mayne*

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*Mayne*

Mayenne springeth aboue Alençon, and so passeth through the Duchie of Mayne, the which belongeth to Charles of Lorraine, a younger brother of the Guyze, so to Castelgautier a sea royall, hauing recourse to Angiers and depending vpon the Duchie of Beaumôt le Voyer which is the king of Nauars, and so passeth close by the castell of Angiers, and within two leagues thereof falleth into Loir, at a place called the mouth of Mayenne. It hath diuers other riuers, but none of any name.

*Normandy.*

*Normady*

**N**ormandy hath on the East Picardy, and the riuer of Epte, on the west Britaine, with Cenon a riuer running from Fougiers, and passing by Pontarson, and so falling into the sea at S. Nicholas mount, doth seperat from it on the north the Ocean sea, and on the south Mayne. It is in eleuation of the 46 & 47 degree of the North latitude, & so one of the coldest regions in France, except the country of Oye.

Normandy comprehendeth seven Bayliuikes, Roan, Caux, Caen, Eureux, Gisors, Constantine, and Alençon, which now is an Exchequer by the fauour of Monsieur the kings late brother.

*Roan.*

Roan standeth vpon the banks of Seyn, not farre from an arme of the sea, the flood dooth almost beat the towne walles: with 2 small riuers on the East that



that water it, vz. Rober & Aubette, on the North a great plain of medows with sundry high hills, round about the tobon there are faire fruitful fields, as the field of Rohonois, so called of the village of Rohom, one of Newbury, of old Welsin and of Caux. It is a marchant tobon by reason of the river and channell which is capable of great ships, so that the neighbourhood of the sea hath made it so plentifull, that at this day there is no tobon in Europe more haunted with marchants, or where the citizens are better seen in traffike, either by sea or land, either where there are more expert Pilots, or that make greater or longer voiajes than they, as indeed it is a thing almost natural to the Norman. The fairest houses are the Archbishops lodging, the Abbot of S. Quins house, standing in the fairest, best ayred, and easliest of the tobone full offaire gardens. The kings when they come to Roan do ordinarily lodge therein. The old castell, where in time past the parliament was holden, which now is kept in the palace. There is also a court of ayds, wherto all the elections of Normady, Perch, the prouostship of Chaumont, with the counties of Maigny & Poroile, haue recourse, the bailiwoike & iustice sea is usually called the Cohue. The stateliest buildings are the Bridge and our Lady church, which is armed with three great Towers.

Eureux a bayliwoike and Justice sea depending of Roan, it standeth on the river of Iton. On the East it hath Seyn, on the West the territorie of Lisieux, on the north the confines of Roan, & on the South Perch.

It containeth sundry towne, as Vernon, Aigle, Passy, Furilles, Conches, Breteuil, Rugles, Brayn, and Hermonuille.

Lisieux hath on the east the land of Eureux, on the

Eureux.

Lisieux.

*Lizieu x.*

North Auge, on the South Perch and Alençon, on the west the confines of Seez, the territorie of Lizieux stretcheth to the river of Rille, which comming out of the forrest of Aigle, passeth under sundry bridges, as Autene, Montfort, Pontcaudemere, so falleth into Seyne at Honfleur a coast town, Dyne doth also water it, and parteth it from the territorie of Seez. Lizieux, farre ynough from the sea betweene Seez and Verneuil.

*Caux.*

Caux a reasonable large countrie, hauing on the East the territorie of Abbeville, on the South Beauvais, on the North the Ocean, on the west Seyne, and part of the territorie of Roan.

The notablest townes therein are Gisors, S. Cler upon Epte, Gournay, Aumale, a Duchie, Pontoise, rather of France than of Caux. Neuf-charell, a see roial. Hen, a countie of the duke of Nauars heires. Felcamp an Abbie. S. Valery on the Sea. S. Valery in Picardy, is upon Some.

*Diepe.*

Diepe a famous Hauen, a strong Towne, and of great resort, the inhabitants are famous on the sea, and doe make long and dangerous boiages.

*Haure de grace.*

Haure de grace, and New hauen a warre towne, which cannot be forced but toward the olde towne, by reason of the river, of the washes, of the flood and ebbe, the Hauen is very safe for travellers, and euery way openeth on the plain, except one way, where there are diuers small Hilles that seeme to commaund it, but they are all to small purpose.

In the countrie of Caux, when either Noblemen or yemen doe die, all the inheritance falleth to the eldest, neither can any part thereof be giuen to the yonger, excepte some pension to maintaine them during life, but if they die it returneth againe to the eldest

eldest, so as the yonger cannot dispose thereof in any respect. This law with some small difference is obserued through the rest of all Normandie and Britaine.

Seez standeth vpon the riuer of Orne, which falleth into the Ocean beneath Caen. It is a bishopricke which hath iurisdiction ouer the most part of Alençon and Perch. This countrie standeth in the midst of Normandy, hauing on the east Lisieux, on the west Bessine, on the South Alençon, on the North Caen and Auge. Part of Alençon, a Duchie, now an Exchequer with right of soueraigntie in iustice and roialtie. Afore time this Duchie had recourse vnto Roan, and part to Paris; for the Duchie of Alençon stretcheth out to Normandie.

Falaize belongeth to the Bishopricke of Seez, and to the Bayliwicke of Bayeux.

Bayeux the head towne of the land of Bessine, is neere to Seez, which is on the East side thereof, Constantine on the west, Mayne on the South, and the confines of Caen on the North. The Bayliwicke is greater than the Bishopricke, as hauing iurisdiction ouer the most part of the Diocesse of Seez.

The territorie of Bessine is plentifull in Corne and fruit, the riuer in fish, and the champion in Cattell and pasture.

Bayeux is a Bayliwicke and Vicountie, depending vpon the iustice sea of Caen. In this Vicountie standeth the great borough of Torigny, a county appertaining vnto James of Matignon, who hath three sonnes, vz. Odel, Lancelot, Charles.

Aure, a riuer that runneth not farre from Bayeux, it falleth vnder ground at a place called la-Fosse au Souoy, and appeareth againe halfe a league thence vpon



upon the sea shore. It maketh a faire haven called the haven in Beisine.

*Argenton  
Falaize.*

Argenton a towne upon Orne, neere Hiesmes. Falaize upon Orne, standeth equally distant in the bottom of a vally, being euery way compassed with mountaing, the forme therof resembling a long and narrow ship. It hath but three streets, of the which two do run cleane through it from the one end to the other, the castel standeth as the sterne of the ship. It is upon a rocke and commandeth all the towne. It is armed with deepe ditches, enuironed with two pooles, and hath a great round tower, so high that it is thought to be the sayrest in Fraunce, also ouer against it there is a rocke almost as high as it. It hath also a dougan as strong or stronger than the castell. The towne is more inhabited with Gentlemen and Lawyers, than with Merchants, and to say truth, there is no great traffike, it containeth but two parishes. It standeth in a faire and healthsome ayre, by reason of the medowes and smal hils, which alwaies are greene, as also through the infinite number of fountaines that water euery part of the soyle, whose brookes doe wash and cleanse the Towne. They make there the best knyues in Fraunce.

*Guybray.*

The borrough of Guybray is not farre thence, where the fayre of Guybray is holden at mid-August, with great resort of people and wares.

*Arinnes.*

Arinnes, a mountayne within a league of Falaize toward the west, therein doe breede Hawkes and Fowle for the game, as Faucons, Sacres, Tirclets, Sparhawkes, and sometime Eagles, and other fowle as well for the game as the mouth.

*Arnes.*

Arnes, a village neere to Falaize, within 8 or 9 leagues

leagues of the Sea, situate in a plaine Champion, naturally very drie, without any riuer or brooke at all, and yet sometime by conduits vnderground, the Sea comuncth in so plentiful, that it maketh a lake or poole, bringing in great store of fish, and when the water is gone agayne, the place remaineth drie.

Vire a small towne castell and vicountie, wherof *Vire.* the territorie about it is called Vau de Vire.

Caen vpon the riuer of Orne or Anhie, which *Caen.* twice a day is filled, according to the ebbe & flood of the sea. It is next to Roan, and cheefe of the lower Normandy, and accounted one of the fayrest and plentifullest in Fraunce. The riuer running vnder S. James bridge, whereon the Townehouse is builded, vpon piles and bending arches, with 4 stages, and 4 towres, and at the foure corners diuideth it into two townes. On the other side of the Towne runneth Oudon, and that part is best builded and inhabited of the whole towne. It runneth through the middest thereof, and driueth diuers milles, then falleth into the great riuer, which imbracing the towne, falls at Estreban 3 leagues from the town into the sea, whereby the great boats haue passage, which causeth both the country & towne to abound in al sorts of merchandise, wines, fish, and other vitels. The castell standeth on high over the towne, vpon a rocke fortified with a dougan, in the middest whercof there is a great square Tower of a wonderful height and bignesse, at the four corners flanked with foure great Towers and Ditches, deepe and full to the brim. This Castell hath so great a court that therein you maye range six hundred men in Battell raze. And in respecte of the

the importance of the place, it is usually committed to the custodie of great Lords. The late Constable was Captaine thereof, whose roome the Marshall D'Anuille now enioyeth. At Caen they haue a court of Aydes, a Justice sea, and an Vniuersitie, the traffick and the fruitfulnessse of the soyle are great, and although Normandie yeeldeth no wine, yet groweth there some at Caen that may serue, but at Argences, which is within thre leagues thereof doth grow very good, and thence doe the inhabitants of Caen usually furnish themselves.

*Auranches*

Auranches is in the Bayliuoke of Constantine, situated vpon the toppe of a hill and rocke which is very steepe and hard to come to on the sea side, standing on the top of the totton walles, they may see aboue foure leagues about vpon a white and sandie ground, wherevpon the Sea fleeteth euen vnto the foot of the rocke, which is a pillar and proppe to the sayd Towne, which the Sea at his full flood doth wash, on the other side they may behold the flatte countrie couered with groues. From the top of the walles they may also see S. Michaels mount in the Sea. Auranches is in circuit rounde, well walled and flanked, the ditches large and deepe, and the Suburbs greater than the Towne.

*Constantine.*

The land of Constantine hath the Sea on the North, the Territoirie of Seez on the South, the Bayliuoke of Caen on the East, and Britaine on the West.

The towne thereof are Carentan, neere wherevnto is the closet of Constantine, that aboundeth in pastures. Valtorgue. S. Loe.

*Constances.*

Constances, which resembleth a champion without walles or enclosure, without the same on the West



West side is a fayre bridge with many arches, vnder which runneth a brooke, and about it a fountayne conducted in pipes of lead a long halfe league into the midst of the Towne, which otherwise should want fresh water, saving that they haue a few welles that doe somewhat helpe them.

Villedieu, a commandrie not far thence belonging to the knights of Rhodes. *Villedieu*

Hay parsnell.

Gran-Ville, a Haven towne.

Launde Heroult.

*Hay parsnell.*

*Grand ville.*

*Launde Heroult.*

This countrie of Constantine along the sea side is beautified with an infinit number of castels, and some townes. It hath almost an Island which is vnfruitfull, called Hague, also all these haue recourse to Constances: Monteburg, an Abbie. Hague. S. Voast, Barsleur, Chierbourg, a towne and castell. Breuall, Briqueber, Hanby, belong to the house of Escoueil.

The Isles of Constantine, are Gerzaie, Grenezaie, these yles belong to the dyoces of Auranches. Sere, which haue all forts to withstand rouers.

Constantine is the last Bayliwike in Normandy, hauing vnder it the castellwikes of Briquebec, Noyon, S. Sauueur, l'Audebu, Hay tin Pois, Creances, Villedieu. *Constantine.*

Normandy is one of the welthiest, goodliest, and mightiest Provinces in Fraunce, considering the great number of townes, burroughs, and Gentrie, with the fruitfullnesse of the soyle, and traffike vpon the sea. The Normans are the wariest and subtillest people in Fraunce, hardest to be deceiued, great talkers, giuen to profit, lie, cunning in plaies, shifts, cauteles, and circumuentions of colenage.

**Normandy** Normandy aboundeth in cattell, fish, corne, fruit, trees, especially in Beare and Appletrees, so as the inhabitants make their drinke of those fruits. The common people for the most part are given to spinning and weauing of cloth, vsing little other drinke than Berrie and Cider.

**Brittaine.**

**Brittaine** BRittaine by Astronomical measure lieth out 3 degrees and a halfe, or 4 at the most, and standeth in some 44 or 45 degrees of the latitude, so as the longest way it is not aboue 120 french leagues, hauing on the east Mayne and part of Anicow, on the north the Brittain Sea and Constantine, on the west the Ocean sea, and on the South Poictow: the whole countrie is diuided into three languages, wherof euery one containeth three regions and diocesses, vz. three speak Britton Brittonant, Cornouaile, S. Paule, alias Leon: Freguier, alias Landriguet, Quimpercorantin: three for the french Brittons, & speake french, Dol, Renes, S. Masco, alias Alet. The other three diocesses do speake a mixed language, sometimes french sometimes Britton when they list, Nantes, Vannes, S. Briew. Thus are there 9 Bishopricks in Brittaine, and on the east the riuers of Colnon, Sarth, and doe part it from Normandy & Mayne. Mayne and Loire from Anicow.

<b>Dol.</b>	Dol a Bishoprike, sometimes an Archbishoprike,
<b>S. Malo.</b>	S. Malo, alias Alet, a bishoprike not far from Dol.
<b>Caucale.</b>	Caucale, a Hauen towne.
<b>Cobourg.</b>	Combourge.
<b>Sambriard.</b>	Sambriard where they take makreels in May.
<b>Dinant.</b>	Dinant a faire towne, the riuer of Raulc runneth

by

by it, and not far off falleth into the sea, which maketh the towne far richer and of greater traffike.

Chasteau-Briant, belonging unto the Lordes of Chasteau-Briant.  
Montmorency.

Lambales, wherof the countrie is called Lambales  
lois, and dependeth vpon the bishoprike of S. Brieu.

Treguier, alias Landriguet, Quimpercorentin, standeth vpon a point running into the sea, scituat in the waters, and oftentimes watered with the flood and ebbe of the sea, shippes doe arriue there to the great commoditie of the inhabitants.

Vannes, wherin standeth the castell of Hermine. Vannes.

S. Brieux, there is a great rocke which serueth for a harbour to ships against wind and wether, vpon the which standeth the castell.

Quintin a towne and castell, neere wherewith is a forrest ten great leagues long. Quintin.

Iugon, a towne neere whereto is the forrest of Hunandye, also the castel of Corlay belonging to the Lord of Ton. Iugon.

Auoungour, a towne and auncient house descended of the race of the Duke of Brittain. Auoungour.  
Guimpand.

Lambalois a land in the marches of S. Brieu, wher they make more parchement than in any countrie of Fraunce, by reason of the plenty of cattell. Guimpand.  
Lambalois.

Leons, or S. Paule a Bishoprike. Leons.

Renes the parliament seat for all Brittain, standeth on the riuer of Vilene, not farre from Cham-bourg and Guerch. Renes.  
Cornouail.

Rohan an auncient house. Rohan.

Guymenay, descended of the marshals of Gye. Guymenay.

Nantes vpon Loire, there is a chamber of accounts. Nantes.  
In the territorie of Nantes are Ancenys



upon Loyre. Clifton, Montagne, on the coast of Poictow.

**Brittaine** Brittain is one of the fruitfulllest and goodliest countries in Fraunce in arable land, medows, lands for pasture, forrests: traffike upon the sea, salt, yron, lead, in some places siluer mynes. There groweth also some wine, but it is but smal. The Brittaines are generally tractable, but those that are neerer the sea coast are not so courteous as the rest. They are slye and subtil, though naturally they seeme dull and grosse. They loue their profit, and haunt tauernes, where they make most of their bargains.

**La-Val.** La-Val, an auncient house upon the borders of Brittain and Mayne.

In Brittain are also Rieux, Raiz, Blossac, Ponthieure, Vitrye, Fougères, and Aslerac.

### Poictowe.

**Poictow.**

**O**n the East it hath Berry and Touraine, from which Creuze and Vienne doe separate it, on the South Angoulesme and Limosin, on the North Touraine and part of Brittain, and on the West the sea from Creuze to Rouffec in Angoulesme, which is the boundes of Poictow, it is 36 good leagues towards Limosin. It standeth upon the countie of Bridiers, which is in the contribution of Poictow, and on the other side within 3 leagues of Nantes, so as in length, going ouerthwart it is a-boue 100 french leagues. This countie containeth one thousand two hundred parishes, comprised vnder three Bishops.

**Poictiers.** Poictiers, the cheefe towne, vnder whose diocesse there are ten Abbies,

Lusson

Lusson, vnder the which there are ten Abbies.

*Lusson.*

Maillezai, vnder the which there are foure.

*Maille-*

The Isles of Ree & Oleron are also in Poictow.

*zai.*

Poictow hath royall tostones with Justice seas,  
Poictiers, Niort, Fontenay, Mommorillon, Luzignan.  
Cyuray was lately made a seneschall sea.

The other Cotons are, Touars, a neighbour to  
Touraine and Anicow. S. Maixent. Partenay, a Vi-  
countie, Chastellerant a duchie, Nelle, Rochsur-yon, a  
principalitie in the house of Bourbon. Chize, Chau-  
n quy, Angle, Lussac, Cirnaw, Bressenire, S. Low, Blanc  
is of the diocesse of Bourges, but of the resort of Mō-  
morillon. Gencay, with infinite Castelwoikes and  
Burroughs, as: Chastagneray, S. Messinin, Plauian,  
Sables, Aulonne, Mareuille, S. Hermene, Montagu,  
Coue, a walled tostone. Viuon, an auncient house.  
Mortemer, Lezay, S. Sauin, Bourgneuf, Maigne, Vou-  
uent, Neruant, Chefbotonne, Narcillac, Chasteauneuf  
Dampierre, Puygurreau, Iarnac, Argenton, Aspremoir  
Gomiquiers, S. Michail en l'her not farre from the  
sea. Talmond, a principalitie belonging to the house  
of Trimouille. Mauleon, Mortaign, Tifanges, Essars,  
Fon-Benist.

To the iustice sea of Poictiers are subiect the seas  
of Lusignā, Chateclerant, Mommorillon, Dorat which  
comprehendeth part of Limosin and part of Berry,  
the low marches, Fountenay the Countie, Nyort,  
Ciuray, S. Maxent.

In Aquitaine the Captaines of Roch-foucaut, *Roch-fou-*  
Rochchouart, and Rochchandrye, euer since the gos- *caut.*  
pell was first preached at Poictiers, doe stand vpon  
their gard, as the family of Montmorency doe at  
Paris, and the house of Senecey in Burgondye.

Rochchouart is a Viscountie in old Poictow.

*Rochcho-*

*Sauray*

*Sauray.*

Sauray, a towne and castell vpon the confines of Anicow and Poictow, standeth on a hill betweene two Rivers, whereto a number of Gentlemen bee bassals, the Lords thereof are issued of the auncient Earles of Poictiers, hee that nowe is Lord thereof is called Rene de Sanzay, Gouvernour of Nantes, whose children are Rene Lord of S. Marfant, Coronell of the Ban, and Arrierban also, Christopher, Charles, Anne.

*Clayn.*

Clayn, a riuer running by Poictiers.

The Husbandmen of Poictow are lie, subtil, will deceaue a man with prating their pedlarly speech, dull witted lubbers, malicious, disloyall, and smally to be trusted, louers of brablings and nouelties: but such as inhabite the Townes are vtterlye of an other disposition, they are tractable, courteous, and willing to doe pleasure, liberall, open without deceit, pleasaunt, foreseeing, and such as will not easily bee deceaued, they know cosenars as farre off, they loue knowledge and learning. The Nobilitie is warie, balyaunt, and extract from auncient race. The Soyle is good, fatte, wealthy, fruitfull in Corne, wine, flesh, fish, wood, wooll, flax, fruit, and game for the Nobilitie, but especially about Chasteleraut.

*Rochell and the countrie of Aunys.*

*Rochell.*

Rochell beginneth at the gate of Marans, and is diuided from Poictow by the Rivers of Seure and of Nyort, and reacheth vnto S. Iohn d'Angely. On the East and North lyeth Poictowe, whereof some thinke it to bee a parcell, on the south Xantonge, on the West the sea and the Isles of Ree.

Rochell



**Rochell** standeth vpon an edge and goulphe of the Sea, which maketh a point therein, it is one of the easiest hauens of Xantonge to arriue at, and the fortresse of the whole countrie, hauing the sea vpon the one side, and the walles and fennes vpon the other, whereby it is almost impossible to beat it, it hath such strong walles, Rampiers, Towers, Defences and Ditches, that there are fewe Townes in Fraunce comparable vnto it, either in strength or wealth, how great soeuer it be. It is in the 45 degree of the latitude, and head of the confines thereof and of Aunys, and hath recourse to the Parliament of Paris. It is exempt of all Garrisons, and Citadels, sauing of one tower where the armour of the towne is kept. The Maior and Sheriffs haue the custodie of the Towne, mozeouer it standeth in a fruitfull soyle.

### *Xantonge.*

**X**Antonge hath on the East Angoulesme, on the West the sea, on the North Rochell, on the south the territorie of Bourdeaux.

Xaintes, the cheefe Towne of the countrie standeth vpon Charente, which springing at Carenac that is betweene Limoges and Angoulesme runneth to Siuray, Angoulesme, Cognac, Sainctes and Soubize, where it falleth into the sea about some 15 leagues from the head thereof.

Blay, which hath a Castell seuerall from the Towne.

Marenes, where they make their salt with the heat of the sunne,

Marans

*Marans.*

Marans is a great borrough, fortified with a strög castell, through the middest thereof there runneth a great arme of the sea that maketh a haven, where- by with the helpe of Seure and of Nyort they maye send their marchandize out of Poictow into al parts of Europe. The Castell cannot beare the Cannon, but is accessible in Summer, by reason the least warmth laieth the Marshes drie.

*Pontz.*

Pontz standeth within foure leagues of Saintes, and is built like an arch, for standing vpon a small hill it doth couer the head and sides thereof, vpon the highest part standeth a strong Castell, and in a ballie at the foote thereof runneth Scugue through 3 seuerall channels, the one along the walles, the second through the middest of the medowes, and the thir d parteth the bylands from the medowes, and all these armes doe gather agayne together, then they come at the low towne where they make sundrie bridges, on the one side of the mountain it hath the groues and woods, on the other the champion where it is double walled with ditches, full to the toppes, except on the river side. It containeth three parishes, it hath iurisdiction ouer 32 Parishes, and hath 250 sieges of Noblemen and Gentlemen that hold thereof.

*S. Iohn  
d'Angely.*

S. Iohn d'Angely is one of the greatest and best built townes in Xantonge, and is reasonably well walled and ditched, it standeth in a ballie with an Abbie that serueth it in lieu of a rocke and fortresse: the river of Bortonne which springeth at Chef-bortonne in the hilles of Angoleme, dooth washe the walles thereof, on the side of Poictow the country is hilly and of difficult access.

*Barbezi-  
eux.*

Barbezieux is within 9 leagues of Saintes, vpon the

the confines of Angoulesme, and is within 5 leagues of the Tobone of Angoulesme, of Cognac, and of Pontz. The countrie is fruitfull, far from rivers it is but a wilde thing and contayneth but three parishes, it hath a strong castell.

There are also Bourg, Soubize, with other towngs and villages. This countrie is vnder the Parliament of Bourdeaux.

Angoumois is the territorie of Angoulesme.

*Angou-  
mois.*

It hath on the East Limosin along the charnell of Charenton, on the West Santonge, which is the whole length therof, and amounteth to 24 leagues, on the South Perigori and parte of Xantonge, on the North Poictow, with a cantle of Santonge, which is the breadth, and contayneth sixteene leagues.

The townges are Angoulesme, the Capitall Seneschal sea and iustice sea depending of the parliament of Paris. Chasteauneuf, Cognac, seag roiall, hauing recourse to Angoulesme, Auoclerre, Rochfoucault, an auncient house, Morton vpon Baudille, belonging to a yonger sonne of Rochfoucault. Blanzac, the partition of the Lord of Marmonstier. Valeois & Nareuille, belong to the house of Nareuille. Montberon, Boutteuill, to the house of Montmorency.

*Angou-  
lesme.*

Angoulesme standeth vpon a very long promontory between the rivers of Eugeny & Charéte, which doe there meet. The flat of this hill is no more than is requisit for the compasse of the towne wals, euery way enuironed with a naturall rocke. The houses stand out of order, the streets rugged, the wals of seuerall workmanship, but double on the side of the vally eastward, the ditches also double because that side seemeth the weaker, though now the strongest

*Angou-  
lesme.*



of the towne, it hath no gates. The castell and castellet haue their issues apart by themselves. The soyle yeeldeth store of Corne and good wine, also Hempe, as hauing plentie of water, it is meete for gardens and hath store of woode, and among the rest there lieth the forrest of Brancone, which containeth 14500 acres of land. Neere to Angolesme is the head of Townur, within halfe a league thereof it falleth into Charente. It is so deepe a goulph, that there can no bottome be founde thereof, heretofore couered with swannes, and pauered with the best Salmon trout in Fraunce. It is supposed to be Baudiat a swift brooke, with so quicke a spring that it neuer drieth vp, the same comming out of Lymosin & passing by Noutron loseth himselfe vnder ground at Marton, which is within three leagues of his head. The inhabitants of this countrie are quicke witted, standing vpon their reputation, stout, great boasters, taking small delight in traffike, liuing for the most part vpon their rents, and counterfeiting gentrie, courteous, &c. The pefaint dull witted, rude and clownish, giuen to toyle, testie, meete for warres, yet of very good courage and bould.

*Perigort.*

*Perigort.*

**P**erigort hath some 40 degrees of latitude, and 20 or 20 and a halfe of longitude with Limosin, on the East Angolesme, part of Santonge on the West, on the North Angoumois, wherinto it is intangled, on the south Dordonne, which diuideth it from Agen, and the land betweene two seas. It is hilly, stony, sharpe and rough, for the most parte full of woods, some of Oke, but the most of Chestnuts, which

which they vse to fat their swine, also to sell into all  
 parts of Fraunce and Spaine. Chestnuts being cut  
 doe soone grow agayne, and beareth the sayre and  
 better fruit after it is cut at the foote, otherwise it  
 were impossible to maintaine so many yron and  
 Steele Forges as there are. It hath grayne ynough  
 to serue the Countrey, and good wines, though in  
 some places but small: the ayre subtile, healthfull,  
 and temperate, so as sildome there is any plague or  
 contagious disease, whereby the countrey is woon-  
 derfully inhabited. The men sound, nimble, lustie,  
 strong, and long liued by reason of their naturall so-  
 brietie, for they feede little, and vse great exercise:  
 they are affable, courteous, warie, meet for warres,  
 especially the Nobilitie, wherof there is store. The  
 women more sayre than nice, and good huswiues.  
 This land is watered with sundrie riuers, hauing  
 on the one side Dordonne, which running out of Au-  
 uergne, runneth through Quercy, Agen, and Peri-  
 gort, and so falleth into an arme of the sea beneath  
 Libourne, not far from the castel of Fronlac L'isle gi-  
 ueth the name to a small towne in the countrey, and  
 so runneth to Perigueux, Vezere, Holuezere. Dionne  
 runneth to Brancone, Bandial, to Noutron, and sun-  
 drie other brookes that stande the countrey in great  
 steed for their yron forges, shouell makers, brasiers,  
 also for their coyne and paper-milles. It hath also  
 diuers fountaynes, whereof some are medicinable  
 and hote. Neere to the burrough of Marzac there is  
 one which hath his ebbe and floode, as the arme of  
 the sea at Bourdeaux, and yet it is two long leagues  
 from thence. Also neere to Liude a small towne vpon  
 Dordonne, there riseth one out of a square Tower  
 which with his spring dooth continually driue two



milles. Neere to Miremont there is a caue named Cluseau, that runneth 5 or 6 leagues vnder ground, and hath faire roomes paved after the Antique fashion, some altars & paintings, diuers fountaines & brookes, especially one, which being 120 foot brode, is both swift and deep. Perigort hath as many simples as either Italy or Greece, also Capilaray of all sorts. Concerning minerals about Noutron, there are great siluered crustes, also stone like vnto same, which the Latines doe call lapis Azuli, vpon a rocke foure leagues from Perigueux there is redde earth, of the same colour, vertue and effectes, as Bolus Armoniacus, and from that myne they doe fetch into Quindry parts.

The towne is Perigueux, Sarlat, a bishoprike, Bergerat, both seas royall, hauing recourse to Perigueux. Lyude, Miremont, Mussidan, Lisse, Ribierac, an aunient house and Vicountie. Aubeter is of Angoulesme, but in the diocesse of Perigueux. Noutron a towne and castell, an impregnable fortresse. Branconne, a smal towne vpon Drone, in a fat and fruitfull soile, with one of the fayrest Abbies in Guyen: therein Limel standeth on a rocke, the Lords thereof are come of the house of Touraine.

*Perigoux*

Perigueux standeth almost in the middelt of the countrie in a plaine, euery way inuironed with hills & mountains, which neuerthelesse cannot comaund it, & they are couered with vines, yelding reasonable good wine: within 50 fathom of the cite is algrotte towarde Vizione, which is 100 foot high without apparance either of doze or window, & the entrie into it is vnder grounde, and neere therevnto are the ruines of an Amphitheatre, wherein do yet remaine the cages wherein the wild beasts were shut vp for the



the combats and punishmente of condemned persons. Perigueux is separat into two parts, whereof the citie is walled, and containeth not past 8 acres of land at the most within his circuit, and is a Bishoprike. The towne standeth 150 paces from the citie, containeth some 14 acres of land. It is very close, well inhabited, and in a small ground comprehendeth much buidling. It is a iustice sea of the parliament of Guyenne, they vse much traffike and mechanicall sciences.

*Limosin or the territorie of Limoges.*

**L**imosin standeth in the 45 and a halfe degree of the North latitude hauing on the East Berry and Auuergne, on the west Angolessme and Poictow, on the North Poictow and Berry, on the south Perigort. It hath 2 bishoprikes, and is diuided into high and low Limosin, & yet is but one gouernment and seneschall sea, depending on the parliament of Paris.

The brooke of Bredasque with high Vezere, and the march land doth part high Limosin fro the low, and the longest way it is 40 French leagues long: this high countrie is watered with Vienne, which falleth out of the mountains of Ville. Vannes runneth to Limoges, so through Angolessme & Poictow to Chastelleraut, and thence into Loyre High Vezere springeth out of the pooles of Forlac, neere to Masseres, and so runneth into Perigort. This countrie being so waterish, hath plentie of cattell.

Limoges is the capitall towne thereof, standing part in a vallie, v<sup>z</sup>. on the side of Vienne, and part on the top of a small hill. It is more long than it is

large, well walled and ditched. At the toppe of the Towne it hath a fountaine wherewith they water their houses and cleanse the streets. It is a vicountie belonging to the king of Nauarre. It hath consular Justice by reason of traffike, which is so great as it seemeth impossible, considering how farre the sea is off, as also all passages, and beside hath neuer a riuer nauigable. The very meanest will bee a marchaunt: the men are actiue, the women painefull, fayre, and charitable, not greatly delighting in Decking vp themselves.

*High Limosin.*

High Limosin is almost barren, howbeit it hath some corne, namely Rie, Barlie, Tares, Chestnuts, and plenty of Radishes. The wyne about Limoges is greene and nothing pleasaunt, bread, flesh, fruit, wildfoule and venison are reasonable cheape, and it is good liuing at Limoges, or there about, because the inhabitants are sober and content with a little, and drinke little wyne, except it be in the townes: they detest licouribussie, and are healthfull, lustie, strong, and good husbands. In some villages you shall haue one familie wherein an old man shall see his children to the fourth generation, and without dispensation they may marrie together and dwell together without parting of goods, yea there is some one familie of aboue a hundred persons, all being kinsfolks, which liue together and haue al their goods common as it were in a colledge.

The rest of the Townes in high Limosin are: S. Irier, Perch a sea royall vppon the confines of Angolessme and Limosin. S. Iunien vpon Vienne. S. Leonard a towne and abbie. Saloignac, Souterraine, Beneuent, Pierrebuffier, a great burrough commanded by sundrie hilles, which being full of vines stretch



stretch to the gates of Limoges. Chassus, wher there are great faires kepte for great horlle and cattell, Grammont an Albbie and cheefe of that order.

Auncient houses, Pierrebuffier, Chasteauneuf, Rochchouart. Cars, a countie fro whence is sprung that of Vaugnyon. Maignac beareth the surname of Neusuille, they be diuers brothers, of whome the eldest is Lord of Maignac.

Low Limosin is almost as large as the high, it *Low Li-* contayneth the countie of Ventadour: Taren, *mosin.* Cantorbort, Vicounties which containe much lands, and many other small towne.

It is watered with Dordonne, which running along the confines of Perigori parteth it from Auvergne. Vezere, which falling to Ruffignac and Vzarch falleth into Perigori. Coreze, which falling from the hilles of Mondidier, runneth to Tulle and Bryne le galiard, and thence falleth into Vezere.

It hath but three towne worth the speaking of, vz. Tulle, Perch, Bryne, all three roiall towne.

Tulle, a Bailwike and Bishoprike, it passeth the *Tulle.* rest of the Townes of this low countie in wealth and traffike. The inhabitants are paynfull, subtil, very craftie, and loue bzablings. It standeth betweene two mountaynes in a rough ground, for the whole countie is hille and crooked, neuerthelesse fruitfull in vines and walnuts, out of the oile wherof they reape great profit.

Vzarch is fayre, pleasaunt, and in a good aire, it *Vzarch.* standeth vpon Vezere (a swift streame, and not to be waded ouer during the raynes. The scituation is such as it seemeth impregnable, being rounde about enuironed with waters, hauing onely two waies to come to it, The soyle is fruitfull in Corne, wine, and



and chestnuts, and the rivers in fish. The tolongmen loue weapons, are warlike, and care not for traffike.

*Bryues.*

Bryues standeth in a faire champion, with wood, wine, arable and medow sufficient, were it not the Bishoprike, it woulde bee no great matter, for the inhabitants are not much giuen to trauell.

Other Townes, Treignac, Douzenac, Alaffac, Beaulieu, Neissac, Vilet. S. Angell and others, al standing in a faire and fruitfull soyle.

Auncient houses, Ventadour, Comboit, Turenne, Pompadour, Neaumont, Ruffignac, the houses of S. Iacob, and others: much Nobilitie, wealthy and valiaunt.

The Limosin is graue waty, ripe, wise, subtil, and craftie, not too hasty in his doings, diligent and painful, redie ynough to do pleasure, niggardly and slovenly at home. The gentrie are most hardy and valiaunt, and the citizens are more ciuil than the clownes.

*Auuergne.*

*Auuergne*

**A**Vuergne standeth in the 44 degree and a halfe of the North latitude, hauing on the East Forest and Lyons, on the South Velay and Geuoudan, on the North Bourbon and la March, on the West high Limosin, there is also high Auuerigne and base Auuerigne, which is the same that standeth in the champion and playne named Limagne, by reason of the river Lamone or Lymone, which falleth from the mountaines into Limagne, and so taketh his course towarde S. Flour, Nochers, S. Amaw, and S. Saturnine, from whence it falleth into Allier

Allier, it is the fruitfulllest place of Auvergne, and indeed hath alwaies bin accounted the cheefe, besides that, Clermont which is the capitall of the countrie standeth therein, neere whereunto there are vaults vnder the ground whereby a man may walke well a league vnder ground.

Clermont standeth at the end of the plaine countrie, which endeth at the foote of the mountaine of Dome, vpon a hil euery way enuironed with fruitfull small hilles, from whence sundry brookes and fountains doe fal, the streets, houses and buildings are of little cost, and seeme as they had bene made in hast. Before the bishops house standeth one of the fayrest fountaines in Fraunce, which is brought by pipes vnder the grounde from a place called Ryon. The towne is nobo built of good stufte with strong wals & diuers towers, without the towne standeth the Abbie of S. Allier, through the which runneth a streame named Firretaine, wherebpon standeth the bridge of Leaulsaule, which is of natural stone, made of the water of a fontaine which hardeneth it into stone: this fountain is about 300 paces from the river, wherto as it runneth ye may see in the medowes wherethrough it passeth how it hardneth. The bridge is 30 fathom long, 6 fathom thicke and 8 fathom wide. Neere to Clermont there is a fontaine whose water tasteth as wine, but yet is vnsauery to drinke. There is also a small hill out of the which there issueth a certain water like Pitch as it were from the head of a spring. It is maruellous blacke, clammy and cleauing, and the countrie people doe vse it to marke sheepe withall.

Ryon a seneschall sea and iustice sea of base Auvergne, wherto haue recourse the seas of Montserrat  
Combrailes,



Combrailes, Montagri, Aigues-perfes, Clermôt, Montpensier, it is the second of the countrie, and is wealthy and rich, standing in the fat of the countrie.

*Montfer-  
rant.*

Montferrant, the cheefe of Lymagne. It is one of the fayrest towne in Auuergne, and enriched with the court of generallcs.

There are also other towne, as Billon, Isoire, Briond, Tusonne, Langeac, S. Germain, Lambron, Aigues-perfes, Eufureule, S. Porfain, besides many other towne, burroughs, villages and castels, belonging to diuers great Lords, as Montagu, Montmorin, Montgazon, Antregues, Cuseron, Rundan, Montpensier, Rauil, Fontauiles.

*Lymagne*

Lymagne is 20 leagues long from old Bryond vnto Ganat or S. Porfain, and eight leagues brode from the mount of Puy de Doyne vnto Tier a wealthy towne. All the soile is fruitfull in corne, wine, wood, medowes, fountaines, riuers, whot bathes, saffron, siluer mines, and all sortes of merchandise. The spring of Allier is 4 leagues beneath Bryond, it runneth by Vffon, where is a goodly mine of golde and azure, thence to Pont de Chaldam, a small Towne where it beginneth to carrie boates so to S. Pisain the least towne of Lymagne.

*High Au-  
uergne.*

High Auuergne consisteth in mountayns, hauing on the East Velay, on the West Quercy, on the south Rouergue, on the North Lymagne, S. Flour is the head Towne thereof standing vpon a high Roocke, which seemeth to be heuen plumb downe with the chisell, it is a wealthy towne and bishops see.

*Orillac.*

Orillac the second of high Auuergne, a baylitwike and iustice see, wherevpon doe depende the seas of S. Flour, Carlat, Morat, and others, which haue no other traffike thā such cattell as they are able to feed, although



although in diuers soples of the towones aforesayd there be plenty of grapie of all sorts, because al Au- uergne is of it selfe fruitfull, except on the side where the vines cannot prosper by reason of the height of the hilles, which are alwaies couered with snowe, and yet are alwaies very profitable, in respecte of their pastures and cheese.

Other notable places of Auvergne : Pongibaut, a *Pontgi-* small Towne 4 leagues from Clermont. Rore, a *baut.* village neere to Pontgibaut, both appertaining to *Rore.* the Lord of Fayer. There is a silver mine which by the kings leaue the sayd Lord hath caused to be serched with profite.

Dome-hill, a league from Clermont, it is pleasant *Dome-* and one of the highest in Fraunce, fruitfull in pa- *hill.* stures and simples.

Cosme-hill, which is laden with trees and pa- *Cosme-hil* stures, neere whereunto in a place called Cherre, is a fountaine which in the greatest heat of summer is all frozen and full of yse, and in the winter and coldest time dooth thaw, peelding smoake as out of a forname.

The golden hille is a good league high, and *Golden* hath plentie of pasture and springs which make the *hille.* head of Dordonne. It hath also bathes both hote, luke-warne and cold, whereby pearely diuers diseased persons doe by washing themselves find ease.

There is also Bessé, a Towne standing neere to *Bessé.* the hill of gold or D'or, within a quarter of a league whereof there is a great lake, almost on the top of a hill, of which lake there can no bottome be founde, neither canne it be perceiued that any other water hath recourse therunto, and if any doe cast any stone thereinto, let him assure himselfe of thunder, light-  
ning,

ning, haile, and raine.

*Crenx de  
Soultis.*

Not far from this lake there is a goulph called Crenx de Soultis wherinto casting a stone you shall heare a most wonderful noise and rozing, which also in summer it maketh though nothing be cast therein. Neere to the towne of Vichy is a fountaine of hote water, which causeth that neere thereunto be sovereign bathes for such as wil bath themselves therein in Aprill, May and September. At Chaudes-Aigues, a strong place about 8 or 9 leagues from S. Flour are many bathes wherein men do find great ease.

*Bourbon and the Territorie thereof  
called Bourbonnois.*

*Bourbon.*

Bourbon hath on the North Nivernois or the land of Nevers. It is a sea royall, and Justice-sea for the seneschalcie of Bourbonnois.

*Pierre le  
Moustier.*

S. Pierre le Moustier is also comprehended therein. It is a towne and iustice seat wherto have recourse Douziois, or the land of Douzy; Xaincois, or the land of Xantonge; Cussell, and others that are parte in Varennes, and part in Auvergne.

*Bourbon.  
Loire.*

Bourbon, a towne standing bettween Allier & Cher. Loire passeth through this countrie.

*Forest.*

*Forest.*

Forest taketh the name of the woods & groues therein growing, and hath some good townes. The soyle is fruitfull, and the inhabitants very good husbands, subtil, and giuen to take great paynes,

*Treues*

*Treues, Metz, and the countrie of Messine.*

**T**reues is wealthy by reason of the commerce *Treues.*  
which Moselle (whercof it standeth) doth pro-  
cure. The Archbishop is one of the electors.

Metz hath Treues on the North, Thoulon on the *Metz.*  
south, and Verdune on the west. It is a faire and  
strong towne by reason of Moselle and Seilles, that  
doe run thzough it, and hath nothing to command  
it but the Citadell. There they plead not by any  
written law, but custome only taketh place, so that  
for the most part the iudges are men of occupation,  
and none but the only president for the lawes doth  
in soueraigntie iudge and determine the appeales,  
which were wont to go to the imperiall chamber  
of Spire. The soyle is fruitful and plentiful in corne  
wine, flesh, fish, hay, sault, woode, and mineralles,  
wherby they stande not greatly in neede of their  
neighbours. The people are somewhat dull & rude,  
smelling of the Dutchmens maner of life, many of  
them speake both french and Dutch: they are va-  
liaunt, strong, painfull, simple, and not very greedie  
of learning.

Verdune a welthy towne and second in Messine, *Verdune.*  
it standeth on a hill along the river of Meuse.

Thoul vpon Moselle, standeth beneth Ponta-Mus. *Thoul.*  
son, in a fat and fruitfull soyle.

### *Bourgondy.*

**B**ourgōdy hath on the north Chāpagne & the land *Bourgoyn*  
of Auxerre, on the west Niernois, on the south Bia-  
uiolis and Lion, on the east Saone, which diuideth it  
from



from the Franch countie and Bresse.

*Dijon*

Dijon the head towne, situate almost vpon the frontiers in a faire champion, coasted with a mountaine which yeeldeth the best vines in Fraunce, that are planted vpon the sides thereof. This towne is 66 leagues from Paris, and 33 from Lyons. On the south the riuer of Ousch doth water it, on the north the brooke Suzon. It is strong by nature, but made by handiwoorke in respect of such great bulwarke and fortification. It hath a castell that standeth for a citadell.

To the parliament of Dijon doe resort the Bayliffs of Dijon, Autun, Chalon, Aysie, the mountaings that are simply of the body of the estates: the lands laid to the are Mascon, Charrolois, Auxerre, Auxone a Vicountie, these haue particular estates: Noyers, and Bar vpon Seyn haue no estates but of the kings elect, and officers who make the departiments.

The Badie of Dijon hath vnder him foure seas, whose appeales are immediatly broughte to the parliament. At Digeon also there is a chamber of accounts. Beaune, Nuiz, Aussyonne, S. Iohn de Laune.

*Talant.*

Neere to Dijon is Talant, a maruellous strong towne vpon a hill, and Fountaine a villiage where S. Barnard was borne. Dijon is but smally trafficked and standing at the least six leagues from any nauigable riuer, besides that the soyle yeeldeth no more vittels but for the sustinaunce of the inhabitants, neyther is it wealthy, and few strangers doe haunt it, onely the inhabitants thereabouts haue recourse thither for their busines and administration of law, they are also more perfit and haue lesse corruption then such as dwell in towngs of great resort of strangers. They loue well, and haunt one another, are easie

easye to be acquainted with, hard of capacitie, and so obstinate, that it is harde to turne them from any thing that once they haue printed in their mindes: the women gallant and brauely adorned, the commons giuen to labor, especially to the tilth of vines, they are valiaunt, bold, and such as wil not be dealt with, but to others cost.

Beaune standeth in a playne Champion neere to *Beaune.* the mountayne in a fat and fruitfull soyle, cheefly for vines which are esteemed the best in Fraunce. It hath a lake at hand wherewith the towne may arme hir selfe making the enimies lets. It is strong and closed with good walles, well ditched and rampired with a strong castell, the aire temperate and healthsome, waters plenty, wherof they haue two springs, the one entereth into the Towne, where it runneth like a riuer, the other falleth into the ditches and inuironeth the circuit of the wals, both of them doe driue milles. The hospitall resembleth rather a kings pallace than a hospital for the poore, and therein all kinds of diseased are harboured and cured, except of leprosie & french pox. The cheefe inhabitants are Lawiers, the merchants and poorer sort are giuen to tilth of their vines, also to making of drapery and cloath of flax and hempe, wherof they haue plenty.

Cisteaux an Abbie standing in a great and darke *Cisteaux.* wood. The Abbot is as it were metropolitane ouer 1800 monasteries of men, and as many of women.

Authunois or the land of Authune.

Autune, the head towne thereof standeth at the foot of the mount called Conis, and is watered with the riuer Aron, it is wide, scattering, and without *Authunois.*  
*Autune.*  
bridges.



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bridges sauing in the Castle, and in the Fort called  
Marchant beneath the Castle.

Under this Baylewicke are contained three o-  
ther, viz. Monteniz, Bourbenancy, Semur in Brianois.

*Auxerois and the Land of Auxerre.*

*Auxerois.*

**A**Vxerois is hilly, but fruitfull, hauing no hill  
but is loden with Vines & arable groundes.

It yeeldeth the best wine in Burgontly: It  
hath plenty of Woodes and Groues, also of Cattle  
and Wool, whereof they make marchandize. It  
hath on the east the territorie of Dijon: on the south,  
Autune, on the west, Niuernois, and on the north  
Auxerre, and the mountayne: It contayneth 20.  
leagues in length, and almost as many in bredth,  
and hath diuers towne, as Semur, Aualon, Aysay  
le duc, Noyers, Saulieu, Flauigny, Moubar, Viteaux,  
Rauieres, Mont S. Iohn villages, as Moustier sur Ion,  
with other Castles and Villages: Missery, Thonay  
l'Euesq, Montigni, upon Ormeniac, Saumaz le duc,  
Bourbilly, Espoisses, Baigny and others.

*Auxerois*

Auxerois is a bailewick, wherof Semur is chiefe:  
but it hath bene deuided into other seag, as Aualon,  
Aysay le Duc,

*Semur.*

Semur is capital of Auxerois, and standing in the  
middest of the Country is enuironed with hills e-  
uery way, sauing toward the East it hath in the  
compasse thereof three enclosures, but so toynd to-  
gether that a man would not take them all to be  
but one towne. The first inclosure is called the Bo-  
rough, and is the greatest and most inhabited, and  
that of the nether front: The second is the dougan  
which serueth as a circle to the whole towne. It is  
a strong thing standing betwene the Castle and  
the



the Borough, armed with Cartines, and hath on the outside great, thicke, and maruellous high tow-ers, which on the inside are filled with earth vp to the loopholes: It standeth on a rocke whereto there is no accesse, and round about it emironed with the riuer of Ormenson: It is 120. paces long, and 50. paces broad. The third is the Castle founded vpon a rocke, which although it be verie high, hath neuerthelesse two welles, wherof the deepest is not aboue 30. foote deepe. The people are gentle, quiet, courteous, charitable, one louing another, and liuing in good concord together, and do delight in strangers: they haue plentie of Vines, Violets, and Crocuses, the delicatest and sweetest in France.

Flauigny a town neere to the mount of Auxerois, *Flauigny*  
at the foote whereof standeth Alise, a village where  
sometime was Alexia,

*Chalons, or, Chalonois.*

**C**halons the capital towne standeth vpon Saone. *Chalons.*  
The compass of the Walles resembleth a scut-  
chion: It is fortified with a Citadell.

Senecey the first Barronage of Burgondy is not *Senecey.*  
farre from it, and is in the possession of the Lords of  
Baufremont. The Castle is one of the strongest in  
Burgondy, standing on a great plaine vpon the way  
from Diion to Lions: the soyle is plentifull in fruit,  
wine, poulse, wood and pooles. It standeth not a-  
boue a league from Saone.

Baufremont a barrony in Lorayne.

Tournes between Chalons and Mascon, a small *Baufre-*  
towne, more long than wide. It standeth in a *mont.*  
fruitfull soyle, and good easterly ayre, well flanked *Tournes.*  
with

with Saone: it is of the diocess of Chalons, but of the bayliwike of Mascon.

*Mascon or Masconoiois.*

*Masconoiois.*

**M**Asconoiois hath on the East Saone and Bresse, on the west Forest, on the north Charolois, a countrie in the king of Spaines hands, but of the iurisdiction of Fraunce, on the South is Biauiolois.

*Mascon.*

Mascon, a countrie standing along Saone, and almost of the same proportion. Concerning Saone, it falleth out of the mosit Vosagus, diuideth the Duchy of Bourgondy from the franche countie, & with a soft course runneth southward, and falleth into Rhosne beneath Lions.

*Lions, Forest, and Biauiolois, which haue recourse to Paris.*

*Lionoiois.*

**L**ionoiois, or the Territory of Lions, hath on the north Bresse, on the East Sauoy, on the South Dauphine and Languedocke, and on the west Forest and Auuergne.

*Lions.*

Lions is one of the greatest, welthiest, fairest, and stateliest toowns in Fraunce, standing vpon the confluence of Saone & Rhosne, a riuier descending from the Alpes, and running through the lake of Lausanne, and without mixture falleth downe to Lions, where it receaueth Saone. These two great riuers make the seat of Lions pleasaunt, and the countrie welthy through the great plentye of merchandise conuaied vpon the same. Two mountains do fortifie it, and mans hande hath made it impregnable: there



there resort merchants out of all Europe, whereby the exchange is greatly exercised there: it is a iustice sea whereon doe depend Lionois, Masconois, Forest, Beauuolois.

Domees, a hilly soile neere to Lions, it is a soueraigntie appertaining to the Lord of Monpensier. *Domees.*

### Forest.

Forest hath on the East Biauiolois, on the West *Forest.* Auuergne, on the north Bourbonois, on the south Velay. It comprehendeth <sup>40</sup> walled townes, and <sup>37</sup> burroughs: the cheefe Townes, Montbrisson, the *Mont-* capitall and sea of the bayliworke, answerable to the *brisson.* iustice sea of Lions.

Ieures vpon Loire.

*Ieures.*

S Steuen of Turan, where they make the armour and fire peeces that are vsed through the realme, by reason of the commoditie of the water, which maketh good trempe, and the mines of naturall and earth cole the best in Fraunce. *S. Steuen.*

S. Galmier.

*S. Gal-*

S. Germain le vall, standing in a good and fruitful soyle for wines. *mier.*

*S. Ger-*

S Bouet, the castell wher they make the most and best clothworkers sheeres in Europe, whereof they haue great vent. *main*

*le vall.*

*S. Bouet.*

Rouane, one of the best townes in the countrie, and standing vpon the passage of Lyons and Loir. *Rouane.* There is no bridge ouer hereabout, but that of S. Rombert, which is the first bridge ouer Loire, from the spring thereof.

The country hath no more corne or wine but for their owne prouision, but plenty of cattel and Forrests of fire, the people simple, suttile, wary, vsing great words



wordes and louing gaine.

The principall houses are Versse, an olde Castle standing so high as it may be seene all ouer the country: Colan which is of the house of Leuy.

### Dauphine.

*Dauphine.*

Dauphine hath on the North Lionois, & on the one side lieth the low Country of Dauphine: whereof Vienne an Archbishopsricke is capitall: on the west Rhosne, which parteth it from Lionois, Viualetz and Velay: on the East Sauoy, on the South Province, and this part is called high Dauphine, whereof Embrun is capitall. This country lieth in length from the 43. Degree of the latitude vnto about the 45. and from Durance vnto Rhosne, wherewith it is watered, as also with Drosne, Isere and others.

*High Dauphine.*

High Dauphine hath Embrun, an Archbishopsricke: and these townes, Valence, Gap, Dye, S. Paul, Bishopsricks.

The low Countrey hath Grenoble, the capitall and parliament of the countrey. Vienne an Archbishopsrick, Romans, Crest, S. Antony of Vienne, S. Vallier, Colte, Moustier, Chasteau Dauphine, Briancon standing in the hilles whereof all the country doth take the name. Montelimart famous for the traffique there. Tiny vpon Rosne pertaining to the Lord of Tournon.

The people are valiant, and constant in their dealinges, careful to keepe their owne, dull witted, smelling somewhat of hilly rudenesse: and although among the clownes there appeare a certame wilde barbarousnesse: yet are the gentry and Burgesles of townes, courteous, sociable, quicke witted, free  
in

in speech, sildome dissemblers, high minded, capable of reason, and such as will easily be moued. The soyle in some places is very fruitfull in corne & wine, in other places barren sauing for chesnuts and marrows whereof they haue store, as also of cattell and vittels, both good, and reasonable cheape, wherof they may also spare for their neighbourg.

Grenoble standeth on the frontiers of Sauoy and *Grenoble.* riuier of Isere, and is capital and parliament of Dauphine. It is in a fat and fruitfull soyle, and by little and little adioining to the foote of the hilles, stretcheth eastward, whereof the soyle is also rounde about the town & is so fat that the countrie passeth in fruitfulness and abundance of things necessarie for mans life. Here a riuier springing out of the tops of the Alpes on the east side thereof, and violentlye passing along the countrie of Torrentuise, and Morienne, watereth and washeth Dauphine, and so falleth into Rhosne between Tiny and Valence, on the north part it hath a faire brydge of Isere, and on the south side runneth Drac a fierce brooke, which not farre from Grenoble falleth into Isere. On the same side is the flaming fountayne which boileth continually, and burneth whatsoeuer cometh neere it. On the side of S. Laurence suburbs the countrie beginneth to be hilly, and thence doe appeare the high hilles couered with vines, and yeelds the best wine in all Gaule Narbonenle: on the tops of those hilles is the great charterhouse, cheefe of al that order, also on the one side is the excellent vinegrounde of Challemon. At Grenoble they haue also a chamber of accounts.

Romans standeth vpon Isere, and is one of the fairest and welthiest tostones in the countrie. *Romans.*



**Viennois.** Viennois a countie hauing on the East side Sauoy on the West Rholne, on the North Lionois, on the South Valentinois. Vienne is head thereof.

**Valentinois.** Valentinois hath on the North Viennois, on the South Auignon, on the East high Dauphine, on the West Rholne and Viualets, the soile is fruitfull.

**Valence.** Valence, the head towne thereof standeth along Rholne, hauing on the east the fountains of Charon which are so vaulted that a man may goe by right vnder them, of the one of the there can neither head nor spring be found. The towne is wealthy & of traffike, within a league thereof Iser falleth into Rholne at a place called Consolans. It is walled with two strong walles, and flanked with sundry towres equally distant each from other. It hath a iustice sea an vniuersitie, and a storehouse of salt.

**Embron.** Embron standeth in the mountaines of Dauphine, vpon the confines and passage of Italy, & so bounded that in a halfe a day a man may from it enter into the countie of Nice, in a smal time into Piemont, and in lesse than 2 howers into Prouince. It standeth on a rocke in the middest of a pleasaunt vallie, so as from the towne one may see al the field round about, and the medow wherethrough Durance dooth run. It is euery way enuironed with mountaines, that from the top to the feet do abound in corn, wine and fruit, & in diuers places the aire is so milde & temperat, that they gather there as good & delicate manna as any in the world. These hilles doe also yeeld Algarike, Turpentine & other simples. The towne containeth 7 parishes. There is a forte on the rocke which is formed like a terrasse or platforme, being thirtie fathom high, and so steepe as it were betwen, and cannot be mined, scaled, surprised or forced



ced by assault, the rest is wel walled & flanked. It hath five gates, the waters of the fountaines haue their springs in the towne it selfe. It is a bayliwike and iustice sea of the dependance of Grenoble. The inhabitants of Embron are courteous, obedient, peaceable, no quarrellers, nor deceitfull, giuen to labour the earth, and carefull of their husbandrie.

The auncient houses of Dauphine : Bressieux, Boutieres, S. Vallier, Nauigeron, Gordes, Claezon, and others. The knight Bayard also was thereof, and issued of the house of Terrail.

### *Prouince.*

**P**Rouince is diuided from Italy by the River of *Prouince*. Var and standeth in the 40 degree of the North latitude, and so subiecte to much intemperate aire, for the heat is there greater than in any other part of Fraunce. In plentie of corn the Ile of Fraunce cannot surpass the fields of Arles, which lie after the manner of a tounge of earth, and a champion enclosed with 2 arms & chanel of the riuier of Rhosne, containing 7 Prouince leagues, as long as twelue of France: the plain of S. Chaumur, Miramon, Senai, and Melemort to Ourdan & Ardage, and so toward the riuier of Durance, is comparable to Beaussie: and that which lieth from Ourgen vnto Aix and Marseilles, and so to Yerres, Frein & Antibes, vnto the riuier of Var, which diuideth Prouince from the Duke of Sauoys land, throughout the whole extent therof is replenished with store of fruit & sweet trees as Orange, citron, oliue, pomegranate & quince. The soyle couered with rosemary, mirtles, iunipers, and other  
Sweet

sweet shrubs. They haue also Palme trees which  
 beare very good fruit, and in manner as great as  
 those of Affrike, neere to Yerre they haue planted  
 sugar canes, whereof they hope for profite, for the  
 soyle is very good. Also Rosine, Rue and wood are  
 plentiful in many places, oyle of Oliues the best in  
 Europe, they doe moreouer gather Manna there.  
 In Prouince the high cuntry and hauens doe re-  
 semble Normandy, as at Elcales, Seyne, Cohuars,  
 Castelnaw, and other grounds that beare no vines,  
 but are replenished with apple, peare, chestnut and  
 walnut, and other such trees as reioice in cold soile,  
 for one side of Prouince by reason of the mountains  
 whereupon the same lieth all the yeare long is very  
 cold, but plentiful in cattel. They also make cheese  
 but of sheepe and goates milke only. The lande of  
 Ryes and the cuntry that stretcheth out vnto Mou-  
 stier, Draguignon, Lirques, Terealquier, Oigne, Val-  
 lasolle, haue resemblaunce to the soile of Brye & France,  
 for the seasons are more backward, as standing in  
 a more cold and temperat an ayre than the other  
 parts of Prouince, whereby their haruest is longer  
 out by 15 daies or 3 weekes than in other places,  
 neither are their wines so strong and forcible as  
 those that grow about Arles, Salo, Aix, or Marseilles:  
 besides that their vintage agree with the season in  
 Fraunce. Those few forrests and groues that they  
 haue, doe for the most part consist of okes and Pine-  
 trees, as well male which yeeldeth Rosine, as fe-  
 male that bringeth forth the pyneapples and kyn-  
 nels which are good to be eaten with their Almonds.  
 Also in some places namelpe in the mountaines of  
 Lestent, which are betweene Treyn and Antibe they  
 haue Torke trees, They haue likewise goodly salt  
 pits,



pits, as at Berre, Yerres, also at the poole of Valence out of the which at that time of the yeare that the salt is baked and hardened, it is not possible for ten thousand men to draw it cleane out. In ayre Prouince also resembleth Italy: and such fruits as doe growe in Italy, prosper in Prouince. The people valiaunt, strong, bold and quicke witted.

Nice is the first towne of Prouince, on the East *Nice.* standing vpon a gulph of the sea, where Var falleth into the Ligustian sea, which is called the riuer of Gam, this towne belongeth to the Duke of Sauoy, and is a bishoppe suffragant to the Bishop of Embrune.

Antibe, situate very strong on the sea shore, it *Antibe.* hath Gene a bishoppe, whose see is now translated vnto Tarascon, ouer against Antibe is the Ile of S. Honorat otherwise called Leuin.

Frein a bishoppe and haue one of the strongest *Frein.* places in all the countie.

Eres or Yerres with the isles adiacent, which bear *Eres or* the same name doe lie alongst the coast betwene *Yerres.* Freyn and Tolon: along those Isles they gather Corall.

Tolon a bishoppe.

S. Victor.

*Tolon.*

Marseilles is almost ouer three sides washed with *S. Victor.* the sea, and the fourth which is firme land is harde *Marseilles* to be assaulted because the vallie lieth high along, and of difficult access. The inhabitants are great seafarers, and doe traffike into al places, into Afrique yea euen into the hart of Ethiopia. It is in a manner the storehouse of all such wealth as is transported out of the East into the West. The kinges gallies doe vsually harbour in that haven.

Betweene Aix and Marseilles lieth Baulme a soli-

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tarie



tarie place and an Oratorie where Magdalen doing her penance died: this Mount is craggie, being 3000 paces high, and 10000 long. It is as it were coven hewen, and is inaccessible, resembling a wall, at the foot wherof is Magdalens cave raised as high as a man maye cast a stone. The opening of it lieth like the mouth of a forname: in the end of this cave is a spring whose issue cannot be perceived.

*S. Maximine.*

S. Maximine a Towne six leagues from Aix.

*Aix.*

Aix the capitall Towne, standing almost in the midst of Province is a Parliament and Univer-  
sitie.

*Cisteron.*

Cisteron a Bishoprike standing vpon Durance, not farre from Dauphine.

*Cauallon.*

Cauallon a Bishoprike standing vpon the entrie into the church lands and countie of Vandule. It is watered with threerivers, Rhosne, Durance, and Sorgue.

*Pont S.*

Pont S. Esprit standeth vpon Rhosne.

*Esprit.*

*Aurance.*

Aurance a Bishoprike, a principallitie fallen to the house of Nassaw, where are yet extant the ruines of the most woonderful Theatre in the world, with other antiquities.

*Auignon*

*the Popes*

*Toombe.*

Auignon containeth seven notable things, and of every of the same, seven: vz. seven palaces, seven parishes, seven hospitals, seven numeries, seven colleges, seven couents, seven gates. The kings landes doe lie almost round about it, for at Demipont is the entrie into Languedocke, and within halfe a league of it passing ouer Durance, they enter into Province. The Towne is storez with vittels, cloth, fine colours, and good paper, al growing and made in the same soile: one branch of Durance serue their Diars, who make the best dye in graine or crimosine that is

*Durance*

*a riuer.*

in Fraunce, they haue great plentie of small grayns  
which they vse for a very fine vermillion, and doe  
therewith die their silkes. Auignon is an Archbi-  
shoppe, and hath there a continuall Legat repre-  
senting the Popes person. It is also an Vniuersitie  
which is fortified with the spring and fountaine of  
Vanduse, which inclosing it dooth fall into the dit-  
ches thereof.

Vanduse, a place not far distant from Auignon, *Vanduse.*  
whether Petrarch usually withdrew himselfe. It  
lieth in a pleasant ballie environed with rocks,  
from whence the spring afore mentioned doth arise,  
which growing into a riuer through the course of  
other springs thereabout, is called Sorgue.

Croux a very strange countie.

*Croux.*

Carpentras, Vaison, Bishopricks.

*Carpentras*

Marleque, Salon of Croux, S. Chama, towns. The *Marleque*

3 Maries, a coast Towne betweene Arles and Mar- *Arles.*  
seilles.

Tarascon standeth upon the fall of Durance into *Tarascon*  
Rhodne.

Arles an archbishoppe nigh to Rhodne standeth *Arles.*  
in the fennes where they now breed as goodly cat-  
tell as may be. There are to be seene the ruines of  
an Amphitheatre.

Being past Arles ye come to Camargue a fruitfull  
soyle whereon standeth S. Giles the head Towne of  
the countie, also Aiguemortes so termed of the still  
and sleeping waters. This towne standeth upon  
the swallowing of Virdoule into the sea, so whence  
neverthelesse the channell of Rhodne keepeth his  
course westward.

Languedocke with other the countries depending upon  
the Parliament of Tholouze.



*Viaretz.* Viaretz neere to Rhosne whereof Viuiers is the cheefe.

*Velay.* Velay, whereof Puy is capitall, in this countrie lieth Tournon. Iust Lewis of Tournon Countye of Rousillon is Lord thereof.

*Geoudan* Geoudan which on the East and North bordereth vpon Viaretz and Velay, on the South vpon Rouergue, and on the West vpon the Territoire of Albye. Mande is the cheefe towne thereof.

*Languedocke.* Languedocke vpon the East hath the Pirenean mountains, on the west Garonne, on the south Province, and on the North Geoudan, and Auuergne. It comprehendeth two archbishopricks.

*Narbone.* Narbone wherevnder are the bishopricks of Carcasson, Beziers, Agde, Lodesue, Nismes, Maguelonne Vzes, Eaule, Aleth, and S. Pont of Tonniens.

*Tbolouze* Tholouze which containeth vnder it Montauban Rieux, Mirepoix, Vaur, Lambars, S. Papoul, and Pau-miers.

Narbone standeth as it were in a quagmire at the fall of the river of Ande into the French Sea. This river springeth in the Mountaines of Foix, thence passing through Languedocke falleth into the Sea neere to Narbone where it maketh a great fennie marish, vpon the which this Towne is situate.

*Carcasson* Carcasson standeth vpon Ande.

*Aleth.* Aleth standeth at the foot of Pireneans.

*Agd.* Agd is situate not far from the fall of Ande into the sea vpon a goulph thereof.

*Beziers.* Beziers is vpon the river of Orbe, which falleth into the sea betweene Montpellier and Agde.

*Montpelier.* Montpellier standeth not far from the Sea in a good aire vpon a hill, in a faire and fruitful Soile.

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The river of Lez runneth within a bowshot of the walles. The towne is faire and welthie, the inhabitants courteous. It containeth an Universitie wherein Philosophie is as learnedlye teade as in any place of the world. It hath also a court of Aydes.

Beaucaire a seneschall sea, the towne standeth upon Gardon, the Territorie thereof doe stretch on the one side to Avignon, on the other to Viarers.

*Beaucaire*

It hath iurisdiction ouer sundrie townes as Alais a Vicountie, Vzes a Bishoprike and Duchie in the house of Cursol, Lodesne, a Bishoprike standing upon Orbe.

Betweene Beaucaire, Vzes and Lodesne, standeth the bridge of Gardes, which being of a marvellous workmanship, hath served as a conduct to Nismes.

Nismes standeth in a fayre and plentifull soile, beautified with sundrie antiquities as Arennes and others.

*Nismes.*

Sommiers standeth upon Virdoule.

Castres, Villemans, Pezenas, Agde upon the river of Erhant, Cabestan, S. Nizare.

*Sommiers.*

*Castres,*

*&c.*

Clermont and Lodesne.

*Clermont*

*Carcasson*

Carcasson a strong towne and the cheefe sea of the seneschall sea of Tholouze, except Tholouze it selfe.

Leaving Carcasson wee come vnto the plaine of Languedocke, which is accounted one of the fruitfulllest in Fraunce, comprehendeth sundry Towns, as Auragnes, the territorie of Tholouze, part of the countrie of Foix (for the land of Alby and the rest of Foix is all hillpe) S. Pons of Tonniere, S. Papoul, Vaur, bishoprikes, Castelnaw of Ary, the cheefe towne of Auragnes, standing in the flat champion, is fruitfull in corne, pulse, and wood, wherein also the most part of Languedocke aboundeth.

*Quercy.*

Quercy and Rouergue are accounted in Aquitaine, and yet haue their recourse vnto the Parliament of Tholouze. The river of Tarne parteth Rouergue, whereof Rodez is the cheefe towne, from the rest of Languedocke.

*Rodez.*

Rodez a Seneschall sea belonging to Tholouse, whereupon doe depend the seas of Alby, Castres of the Albigeois, Gaillac.

The countrie being hilly, is but barren, the people painful and quickboisted, howbeit contrariwise the soyle of Alby aboundeth in corne, wine, saffron, and iet, and is bounded with the riuers of Lot and Tarne.

*Quercy.*

Quercy a Seneschall sea is one of the fairest and fruitfuller parts of Aquitaine, hauing on the East Auvergne, on the west and North Perigot, on the south the very Languedocke and territoire of Tholouze. Corne, cattell and wood are plentifull, as also naturall coles, the riuers abounding in fishe, the soyle yeildeth a sweete aire, as consisting both of vales and hilles. In this countrie are two bishopricks: Mountaubon, a Towne standing vpon a hill leaning to the bridge that goeth ouer Tarne, and fenced with an old castell, hauing at the head of the towne a fountaine sufficient to water the whole. The Towne standeth in a fruitfull soyle vpon the great high way from Tholouse to Limoges, and Paris.

Cahors the other bishoprike, is the cheefe towne of Quercy, and standeth vpon the river of Lot which falleth from the hilles on the side of S. Flour. It standeth on a hill, hauing toward Mountaubon a deepe vallie, and toward Savillac the riuert. The whole soyle is stonie, and the vines grow vpon two steepe hilles,

hilles, that it seemeth impossible for the labourers to climbe them: the **Tobone** is faire, large & wealthy, framed like an Egge, the streetes beautiful, hard to be besieged, it is the seneschall sea, notwithstanding Montaubon hath the Justice sea, and is an **Uniuersitie**. The **Bishop** is countie of Cahors, and so consequently Lord both temporall and spirituall, celebrating Masse he hath his sword, gauntlets, and helmet on the aulter, with his legges armed.

Castle Sarasin standeth in this countie on Tarne, *Castle Sa-*  
it is no greate **Tobone**, but strong, and standeth *razin.*  
lowe.

Montech, a **Tobone**.

*Montech.*

Moissac, one of the foure principallies of Quercy, pleasantly seated, hauing on the North and West the hilles loaden with vines, on the East Tarne and a faire champion replenished with vines, gardens, and all maner of fruits, and on the South euen along the walles runnieth Tarne, which falling from the hilles of Auvergne passeth by Genoudan, and somewhat aboue Alby, thence with a swifte course through a pye in the rocke it maketh such a noise as may be heard two leagues off, then enlarging it selfe it waxeth navigable and falleth into Garonne, may be discerned by the space of two leagues. This is the greatest trafficked **tobone** in Quercy, as dealing with corne, wine, wood, saffron, oyle, wool, salt, and fish. It was but lately erected to a **Seneschall** sea.

*Moissac.*

Lausart, a **Tobone** situate vpon a rocke not farre *Lausart.*  
from Moissac.

Tholouse standeth vnder a hill along the banks *Tholouze*  
of Garonne, part in Languedocke, and part in Aquitaine, Garonne falleth out of Mount S. Beat in Cominges,



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minges, nigh to S Bertrands and passing by Caseres,  
Narsac, Meures & others, it runneth almost through  
the middell of Tholouze, which next to Paris is one  
of the greatest townes in Fraunce, and hath an Uni-  
uersitie, Parliament, Justice sea, and seneschal sea.  
The soyle fat, wealthy, fruitfull, and abounding in  
all things necessarie for mang life: the people civile  
and courteous, deuout, and seuerie in punishing of-  
fendors.

*Part of Guyenne which is vnder the iuris-  
diction of Tholouze.*

*Foix and  
Cominges*

**F**Oix and Cominges.

The iurisdiction of Tholouze reacheth into  
Guyenne from Lorat vnto Biscay, the diuision being  
limited by the riuer of Gane. It stretcheth from the  
one sea to another. The mountaines of this coun-  
trie are described according to the inhabitants of  
the same, on the side of Languedocke are the moun-  
taines of Sant which part Roussillon from Narbon,  
next are those of Foix, and westward are the moun-  
tains of Cominges, Aure, Bigorre, Aspe, S. Serace, and  
Biscay, these mountains are welthie, and their val-  
lies fruitfull: the toppes beautified with woods,  
and the sides with greene pastures, besides that no  
soyle yeeldeth better yron mines than Foix, it also  
yeeldeth rosin, turpentine, pitch, frakinsense, corke,  
marble, iasper, and salt, also whitmeats, and an in-  
finit number of wilde beasts, with many quicke  
springs. The diols of nine of clocke & noone, which  
are two hilles, so termed because the sunne is neuer  
off the one at nine of the clocke, neither of the other  
at noone, & are two of the highest hilles of the Pire-  
neans

neans, the one is in Bierne, the other amongst the mountaines of Aironne. The mountaines of Lauedon doe breed the best horses in France, yea such as exceed the Spanish both in strength and quicknes, but the number is not greate, because the hill is small, and hath also woodues, beares, bozes, harts, hinds, goats and cammels, also plenty of simples: from the same doe spring sundry rivers, as Ande, Aure, Garonne, Sayne, Baiz, Gerz, Dour, Garand, Graues, and other which fall into the sea.

The countie of Foix lieth on the mountains side, and is the neereft region to Tholouse.

It hath a Bishops see which is at Pamiers, but the towne of Foix is the iustice see and cheefe of the countie, whereunto it giueth name, as also to a noble familie: on the East lieth Languedock, on the West Cominges, on the North the countie called Riuers. The Riuersins do inhabit about the mountaines of Foix, along the course of Garonne, on the South the Pireneans. Most part of this countie is hilly, especially on the side that lieth toward Tarascon, where the hills are plentiful in yron mynes and naturall coles.

Carmain a countie. The Lordship of Mirepoix, are of the dependances of Foix. At this day there be the children of the late Countie of Carmain brother to the Lord Poule of Foix one of the priue counsaile, but the Lords of Mirepoix are come of the familie of Leny.

*Carmain*

Caseres vpon Garonne, and Rieux a Bishoprike not farre from the same ruer, are betweene Tholouse and Cominges.

*Caseres.*

Cominges a countie nigh vnto Foix, which lyeth

*Cominges*

on the East thereof, hauing on the North, part of Languedocke and the countie of Lisle and Gaure, on the South the Pireneans, and on the west Estrac, and Armignac, it is diuided into the higher and the lower, the higher is all hillye, comprehending the Townes of S Bertrand, Conserans, S. Bear, S. Fregon, Moregeau, Saliers, and others.

The lower containeth Lambers a bishopricke, Samathan, Mouret, which are the cheefe royall seates, and haue recourse vnto the Seneschall sea of Tholouze, and thence vnto the Parliament thereof.

*S. Bartrād*

S. Bartrand is the capitall of Cominges, and standeth on the toppe of a hill, and seuerall from the rest. The territorie about it is fruitfull. In the vallies and on the mountaines are plentie of Groves and pastures for cattell, to the breeding wherof the husbandmen doe more apply themselves than to any other thing.

*Coferans.*

Conserans standeth vpon the Riuer of Pamiers.

*S. Tregeō*

S. Tregeon scituate vpon the side of a verpe high hill, so strong, that the accesse vnto it is very difficult. This hill is full of Vines, and the vallies are replenished with fat and fruitfull medowes and arable groundes. From hence runneth a vally along the riuer of Saine, euen to the fall thereof into Garonne, beneath Grenade, from whence you may behold Coheiles, Pamier, Rieux, Elpaon, also the yle of Dodon, a Towne standing verpe high with Sone, at the foote thereof, and is one of the royall castelwikes of Cominges vnder the iurisdiction of the Castell of Samathan, the auintient mansion of the Earles.

*Dez.*

Dez a commaundrie in the aforesayd ballie from the



the toppe wherof ye may discerne Saueterre, a tobon belonging to the Lords of Aubigeou of the house of Amboile.

In this countrie are the families of Moncorueil, Lauuesan, Aulin, Rocquet, Polansic, Saias, Sarac, and others.

Lambers vpon Saine a small Tobone, yet well walled and ditched, the vines on the one side, and a faire champion of corne and medowes on the other. It standeth foure leagues from Samathan.

*Lambers.*

Samathan standeth parte vpon a hill, and parte in the bottome of the vallie of Saine, which running thzough the middest thereof, parteth the tobon called the Borough from that part that is tearmed the Market. The higher parte is houered with the side of a castell, and is enuironed with maruelous deepe ditches.

*Samathā.*

The noble houses of this countrie: Montamar, Aligne, Bezerille, Polustron, Sauiquas, Lahaz, Noalhan, Cazoux, whereof is la Vallet, Esquiuso, Moth of Sauinéz, Montague, Moublac, Basside, Andohiel, Fonterailles and others.

Montpezat neere whereto is the house of the L. of Bellegarde is neere to Samathan.

*Montpezat.*

Mouret being within 5 leagues of Samathan standeth vpon Garonne in a fruitfull champion, & hath a hill which overlooketh it.

*Mouret.*

The whole territorie of Cominges is plentifull in corne, wine, oyle of nuts, fruit, millet, wood, or other things, and is well inhabited, the men valiant, and warlike, nothing regarding learning, patient, in labour, soze in diet, discreet in talke, not lauish in apparell, and haters of pleasure. The women great huswines, chaste and neuer idle.

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*Beneath*

Beneath the Castell of Lahaz there is a Brooke which parteth Cominges from the countie of Gaure betweene which two is inclosed the small countie He in Iordain, a towne standing vpon Saine, appertaining to the house of Nauarre, she extendeth hir limits farre into the Forrest of Baconne, on the side whereof standeth the towne of Lauignac.

*Gaure.*

Gaure a great countie with fayre towner therein as Gimount, Beaumont, Grenade, which standeth vpon Garonne, not farre from the fall of Saine therinto.

*Beaumont.*

Beaumont the cheefe towne of the Countie is in the playne, diuided so with waters, that some think it to be part of Lomagne, but in troth it Dependeth vpon the bayliwike of Gaure.

*Gimont.*

Gimont lieth on the side of a steepe hill, harde to come vnto: along the walles therof runneth the river Gimoe. It containeth three parishes, and is a great towne, and wealthy in corne, but cheeflye in wine.

*Agen.*

Agen the capitall towne of the territorie of Agen called Agenois, which lieth out at length betweene Lot and Garonne, hauing on the East Quercy, on the west Gascoigne, on the South Garonne, on the North Perigort, that land containeth faire towner, as Port S. Marye, Villeneuve in Agen, Hautefay, Clerac Tonins, Marmand and others.

*Agen.*

Agen, a bishoppe standeth in a faire, fat, & fruitful soyle: it is accounted one of the welthiest in Guienne, and is watered with three rivers Lot, Dordon and Garonne. The towne standeth in a plaine champion, and is the Justice sea and Seneschal sea of the countie. It is greatly traffiqued with merchants from Tholouse, Bourdeaux, Quercy and

and Rouergue by meanes of the sayd rivers, for it is very plentifull.

Condane the head of the territorie of Condane, *Condane* is a great towne, but not so welthy as Agen, for it is no throughfare, neither hath any navigable river comming to it. It standeth in a fruitful soile, almost euery way enuironed with small hilles, full of vines, and hath the river of Baize, which springing in the Pireneans parteth Armignac from Bigorre and watereth the territorie of Condane. It is a iusticesea and hath vnder it Valence, Clairac on Garonne, Romion betwene Condane and Lectore, Nerac, a welthy towne, Montreall and others. Also Noble houses, the Vicounties of Fitzmarcon, Gondri, Forces, Moulac.

Estrac a countie appertaining to the house of Coudale, lieth vpon the confines of Samath, Auchx, and Cominges, it comprehendeth diuers Townes and Villages, as Mirande the capitall thereof. Pany a small league from Auchx, Castlenaw of Barbareux, a strong hold and inaccessible, Santelix, Cimore, Saron and others. *Estrac*

The noblest houses thereof are, Vicountie of Lupereux, Lord of Macube, lord of Pauelac, the houses of Termes, and others.

The inhabitants (especially of the Villages) are dull witted, rustical, nothing warie, al stammerers, their tooings fat, grosse, and heavy, and therefore not able to pronounce the Latine, and so consequentely more vnapt to learning than any country in France.

Auchx, one of the cheefe townes of Armignac, standeth vpon Gers, it standeth on a very rocke inaccessible, but on the one side: It is built scattering, except on the heigth thereof, where it is sufficientely *Auchx*



enhabited and replenished with people.

*Armig-*

*nac.*

Armignac is a large countrie containing many townes whereof Lectour is capitall, and a Bishopricke and Seneſchall ſea ſtanding on the toppe of a hil, which each way except on the paſſage to Thoulouze, is inaccessible. The caſtell is on a rocke ſafe from mining or batterie. This is one of the ſtrongest townes in Fraunce, hauing a triple wall armed with a ſtrong bulwarke, terralles and platformes, on that ſide which is acceſſible, hauing in it a fountayne ſufficient to miniſter drinke to the people and water to their horſes, for the towne ſtandeth farre from any riuer. It hath alſo foure ſcore welles or more, whole ſpringes cannot bee cutte off no more than the ſpringes of the ſayd fountaine. The inhabitants are ciuill and courteous, ſeuo artificers, as liuing for the moſt parte vpon their reuenues, thorough the fruitfulneſſe of the ſoyle in Corne, wine, and other things.

*Caſtera.*

Caſtera, a Towne belonging vnto the Lords of Founteuilles in Cominges is not farre from the ſame. It hath Vic, Nogueron, Eule, Calauban, and others.

*Lectour,*

*&c.*

Lectour, Auchx and Vic doe all three ſtande in a fruitfull ſoyle, but approaching toward the lande of Bourdeaux. The countrie of Armignac yeeldeth nothing but cheſtnuts and ſuch other Trees and further all paſtures, but finally it is a meere wilderneſſe. The inhabitants are groſſe witted, ſimple, good huſbands, ſuch as can make commoditie of any thing, and giuen to traffike eſpecially in cattell: they haue alſo honie and wax.

*Bigorre.*

Bigorre bordereth Eaſtward vpon Armignac, Weſtward vpon Bierne, Northward vpon Albret, and

and Southward vpon the Pireneans, in the which the most part thereof doth lie euen from the mounte of Aure vnto the hilles of Saule and Aspe, which are in Biernie.

Tarbes the cheefe Towne thereof standeth in a fruitfull soyle vpon the Riuier Adour and is parted into four or five bodies wherof each hath his channell, bridge, gate, and wall. It is the seneschall sea of Bigorre, wherin are contained these other towngs, Try, Runcetain, Mouborget, Bagueres, wherein are the whot bathes.

Wood is reasonable throughout the whole countie, which is very cold by reason of the mountains wherein standeth the Towne of Lourd, which is the last of Bigorre, as also of the iurisdiction of the parliament of Tholouze.

These famous houses are also therein contained, Aste, the originall of the Cramouins who now are in cheefe authoritie in Biskay. Bennac, Louirs, Barbasan, Aussune, and others.

The people high minded, bozne to warres, sudden in their attempts, deepe dissemblers, churlish, rusticall, not bearing with iniuries, for trifles readie to kill and slay, loyall, no robbers, nor malicious, but simple, howbeit in townges societie maketh the people more ciuile. The Nobilitie are valiant courteous and sociable.

In Bigorre as well among the Gentry as Peasants, the eldest brother beareth awaye the whole inheritance, sauing some small allowance to the rest, but in Biernie it is as in Caux. They haue also in Bigorre few or no Gentlemen that haue authoritie of high Justice, but all haue laue from the king. They cannot take notice of any matter a-  
boue

body so little value, neither may they to buy but im-  
prison, but so that within 24 houres they preid the  
body of the offender into the kings presence.

*Gabots or Gabets.* In Bigorre and in Bearne and almost throughout  
all Gascoigne, there is a race of people called Gabots  
or Gathers, of whom all men generally do shun and  
avoids the acquaintance, esteeming them as lea-  
pers, they may not dwell both in any towne, but se-  
uerall in some corner of the suburbs, & in the Chur-  
ches haue their seats seuerally inclosed. They are  
all either Carpentars or Coopers, and of no other  
occupation. Goodly men, painfull, very mechani-  
call, they are strong in smell, and conuincing neere to  
them their flesh sauiureth very much. They are not  
very greedie of deuotion, and haue their buriall a-  
part from all other Christians, almost without any  
solemnity: wheresoeuer they inhabit they are poore  
and liue vpon day labour, ready to serue euery man  
for his monie. If any of them growe rich, it is sildom  
seene that his children inherit his substance, except  
such inuolueables as euery man shunnieth as the pe-  
stilence. There is almost no towne nor village in  
Gascoigne especially in Bigorre or Bierne, but hath  
some one familie of them. They are sayd to be of the  
off spring of Gehesi, whereto the Leapsie of Na-  
man the Syrian shall cleaue vnto the last day.

#### The Resort of Bourdeaux.

*Guyenne.* **G**uyenne at this present containeth no more but  
the countries depending vpon the Parliament  
of Bourdeaux, v2. the land of Bourdeaux, the territo-  
rie of Bazas, the lands of high Gascoigne, parte of  
Biskay and Medocke, which lie beyond Garonne, but  
on



on the hither side are those countries that are tearmed the land betweene two seas; depending vpon Bazas, Fronfades, Perigort, Limosin and Xaintogne, alreadie described.

*The land betweene two seas.*  
The land between two seas is so called because the sea floweth on each side thereof by two armes, which in their course doe receaue two great rivers:

the one Garonne at Bourdeaux, the other Dordon at Libourne, whereby the sayde two armes doe make the countrie almost an Island, the point whereof lyeth at a place called Carboniers, where beginneth the great streame of the flood and ebbe which runneth so furiously along the channell of Dordon that it ouerwhelmeth the great shippes if it take them on the one side. The inhabitants of the countrie doe tearme it Marcareth, and it sildome openeth but in the hottest of summer in the equinoctiall. The towne standing in this sayd land betweene 2 seas, belong part to Agen, part to Bazas, & part to Bourdeaux.

To Bazas doe belong Reone vpon Garonne, a strong and wealthy towne, Montegar vpon Dron, two leagues from Reolle, S. Bazille, S. Ferme, Castelmouron, Geronde, Saueterre, and others.

In Bourdeaux: S. Maier, Benanges a Countie, Libourne vpon Dordon, a goodlye Towne at the gulph and fall of Dordon into the sea, Fronfades lying beyonde Libourne, now a Marquisate and famous in respect of the castel of Fronfades, which is one of the strongest in Guyenne and standeth on the side of a hill, with the prospect along into the sea.

Bourdeaux standeth vpon the bankes of Garonne which in sundrie places washeth the walles thereof, of pea and at the full of the Moone when the tide is

in, it commeth by before the palace. The haven resembleth a horned moone, which maketh it the fairest and strongest in Fraunce, and great shippes may enter into the same. The sea shore is on the North side, for on the East and South side of Bourdeaux lie the Landes, and on the West the fennes, the marches and land of Medocke. Round about it is very well fortified, beside the naturall strength of the situation which is with great walles, Bulwarkes, rampiers and ditches. It hath a Seneschal sea, Parliament, Admiraltie, and University. The soyle plentifull in good wines, as the wines of Graue, Larmont, Bastide and others. Also farther off at a place called Melion are such white wines as in plentifulnesse and goodnesse may compare with Maluoisy. The bread of Potensac and Alençon, that are not far from Bourdeaux, is accounted the best in Guyen. Bourdeaux wanteth no store of fish or flesh, but the aire of the sea maketh the countrey unhealthfull, and much subiect to sicknesse and pestilence.

*Espare,  
&c.*

Along the coast beneath Bourdeaux standeth the towne of Espare, then Cap S. Marye, also aboute the fennes lieth the land of Medock, very low and much subiect to inundation.

*Blanque-  
fort.*

Blanquefort a castell belonging to the Lord of Duras, standeth in this fenny and slimy land, whose slime proceedeth of the gulphes that the River of Garonne maketh therein.

*Buchz.*

The land of Buchz is a principallitie belonging to the house of Cantalle, the Lord whereof beareth the title of Cantalle, lieth also in the aforesaid fenny and slimy soyle. This countrey is full of Roline, whete of the poorest sort of the inhabitants, as also of Armignac, Bierne, and Bigorre, do make their capdels,



bels, whereby their house doth wax blacke, for the smoake of these candels doe yeelde a woonderfull blacke colour, and maketh the very people looke with the sent of a tawny and duskie complexion, besides that naturally the people of Medocke and the Laundes are not all of the goodliest personages.

The Laundes wherein lieth a long way all sandie and full of grauell, which in summer is very tedious, for these sands doe skald and skorch, besides that, the countrie is so drie, that there is scarce a drop of water to be had, which notwithstanding there be some villages standing out of the way: the inhabitants therof are very industrious, and for the most part of small stature, simply apparellled, spare in diet and yet somewhat welthy by reason of commerce of cooke, rosine, pitch & cattell, wherof they haue store.

Launds.

Albret a dutchie wherof all the countrie is named, doth lie in this countrie.

Albret.

Chalosse, a towne famous in respect of the goodnesse of the white wines which ther grow, is neere.

Chalosse.

Bazas whose territozie and land comprehendeth Mont de Marson, Castle-Geloux, Ayre and Bazas it selfe. Bishoprikes also, the Mas of Ayre and others whose soyle resembleth the Launds.

Bazas.

Bazas standeth in the midst of the sandes, and yet toward the North hath a reasonable good soile, plentifull in corne, wine, fruit, and cattell, which is their cheefe wealth. The bishoprike and seneschal-sea therof haue their iurisdiction extended into both sides of Garonne.

S. Senere, the cheefe cape or point of Gascoigne, for in these quarters was the antient habitation of the Gascoigns. The true Gascoigns are the inhabitants of Bayonne the Basques and the people of Bieme.

S. Senere.



*Gascoigne* Gascoigne comprehendeth sundry towngs as Axe a Bishopricke and Seneschallsea, whereto haue recourse Laundes, Bayon, and high Gascoigne.

*Axe.* Axe a strong towne hauing therein whot bathes which heale diuers diseases: therein standeth a castle which serueth as a citadell. Without the towne there is a pit of salt water, whereout they drabe plenty of salt, but it is corosiuue, as being tainted with some vaine of Allum.

*Adur.* Adur, a riuer which runneth by Axe within one quarter of a league of the sayd riuer there is a caue wherein doe stand three toombes, which in the full of the moone are ful of water, but in the wane haue not one drop. The soile is fruitfull, and hath therein sundrie bathes, also mines of yron and other metall, and pitch.

*Bayonne.* Bayonne standeth in the edge of the West sea, euen at the fall of Adur and Gane into the same. It is one of the strongest in Fraunce, and cheefe of so much of Biskay as pertaineth to the French king euen to the riuer called I-hon, which is beyōd S. Iohn de Luz, and diuideth Fraunce from Spaine. It is a bishopricke and a gouernment of great importance. It is not lawfull for any man to come weaponed into it, except the king and the princes of his blood, al other whosoever must leaue their Swordes at the gate of the lower towne.

*Bierne.*

*Bierne.* Bierne lieth at the foote of the Pirenean Mountaines, bordering Southwarde vpon Bigorne, Northward vpon the Bayonnoise parte of Biskay, fro the which the riuer of Sponsa dooth diuide

it Eastward vpon the Launds and Chalasse along the river of Adur, and Westward vpon the Nauarian Biskay, of the which S. Palais or S. Pelasge, is the cheefe, and is the second parliament for those lands that the king of Nauarre holdeth in soueraigntie on this side of the mountaines.

Bierne is diuided into two parts, wherof the one *Bierne.* contayneth the mountaines, and therein is the Bishopricke of Oleron. The other the ballies wherein doe lie the towne of Elcarl'Euelque, and Pau the cheefest towne of the whole countrie.

There be also other good towne as well traded, as Ortes, Morlais, Nay, Pontas, Coderch, Nauerreins, which standing at the foot of the mountaines is a bulwarke to the rest, and is very strong as well by nature as by art.

Oleron standeth on the toppe of a mountaine betweene Courde and Nay euen in the verpe sharpest of the hilles. *Oleron.*

Pau, the Princes seat is the parliament Towne *Pau.* for the whole countrie. Therin is a stately palace.

Serrances, which standeth on the top of a Mountaine, and is the first of all Gaule.

The ballies of Sault and Aspe, are the best inhabited in all the countrie, and the people balaunt, *Sault and Aspe.* bold and stout.

The territorie of Iuranoon where do growe good *Iuranoon.* wines.

The Bathes of Aignes-chaudes and Cauderats, are the best and most excellent in Europe.

In the countrie is plentie of Millet, though not for want of Corne or wine, the land is also fruitfull in pasture, so as there is stoe of cattell, milk, butter, cheese, flaxe, hempe and wooll, whereof they make

great trade. It also exceedeth the rest of all Fraunce in goats. The people nimble, familiar, courteous, subtil, craftie, faire spoken, valiant in the fildes, lovers of libertie, and such as generally will bee all Gentlemen, high stomacked, accounting well of themselves, and contemners of all others.

The noblest houses are Grammont, and Lusse, which beare now all the sway in Biskay.

There are also in Bierne Andoyns, who is now high steward of the countrie, Mitenes, Iarders, Mouens, S. Columbe, Esgarrabague, Coderch, Nauailles, Castelnaw, Naseres, Laz, Suz, and others.

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**A breefe recapitulation of the parlia-  
ments of Fraunce, with the countries which  
haue their recourse to the same.**

*Vnder the Parliament of Paris are comprehended the  
Countries ensuing:*



**The Baronship and Vicountie of Pa- Paris.**

ris, whereto doe appertaine S. Dio-  
nise, S. Clou, Poissy, S. Germaine in  
Lay, Tormen in Brye, Forcy in Brye,  
Corbeil, Montlehery, Gonesse, S.  
Georges, Newtowne or Villeneuf,

S. George, Palaiseau, Longumeau, &c.

Meulan, a bayliwike wherof doe depend the land  
of Gastines, wherof Milly is the cheefe towne, then  
Nemours, Castell, Landen, Motet, Ferte, S. Mathurin  
of Archant, Fountaynbelean.

*Picardy which comprehendeth:*

*Picardy.*

Monfort l'Amautya Bayliwike.

Laon a bailiwick vnder it are Soissons and Noy-  
on. The territoire of Vermandois, wherof S. Quintin  
is cheefe, Riemont, Coucy, Chauny, Guyle, Peronne  
Mondidier, Chastelet, Corby, Nesle.

Senlis a bailiwick in the government of the Ile  
offraunce, whereto haue recourse Beauuais, Clermôt  
which also is vnder the government of France, Châ-  
paigne, Creyl, Augy, Chaumont, Ponthoyle, Beaumont,  
Crespy, Ferte, Milon, Pierre, Fons, & Montmorency:  
Amiens, the cheefe towne of Picardy is a bayliwike.

*Amiens*

Abbeville

Abbeville a baylwoike, and the cheefe Towne of Pont ieu vnder the iurisdiction wherof are Poruigny, Dourlens, Aury, Crecy, Rue, Crotoy, Renty, Montreuil, otherwise called Muttrell.

Bullogne, a Baylwoike comprehending Estaples, S. Rogmer, Guynes, Ardres, Hames, Blarnes, Clais, Oye.

In Picardy there are also Ferte, Gandelu, Villiers-Costeretz, Verbery, Velly, Male, Veruin, Capelle, Londreoy, Tonfomme, Bohain, Breteuille, Blangy, and Valeric.

*Champagne, which comprehendeth:*  
**Champagne.** Troy the cheefe of the countie, and a Baylwoike whereto haue recourse Bar vpon Seine, Ferte vpon Aube, Meussy l'Escluse, or Bishops Meussy, Nogent, Pont vpon Seine, Castle Emy, S. Florentin, Chastillon vpon Seine.

Chaumont the cheefe Towne of Bassigny and a Baylwoike, whereto haue recourse Bar vpon Aube, Montirandall, Januille, and Vassy.

Vitry, the cheefe towne of Parthois, and a Baylwoike, hauing vnder it S. Disier, Nogent, l'Arcant, S. Menchou, Feilme, Espernay, Roueray, Pasleauant.

Rheims, a Baylwoike comprehending Chalons, Espernay, Tismes, Vertuz, and Saudron.

Sens, a Baylwoike containing Villeneuf le Roy, Pont sur Yonne, Langres, Vandeaure, Vignorye, Motesclair, Rimaucourt, Andelon.

*Brye comprehendeth:*  
**Brye.** Meaux the capitall Towne and a Baylwoike, hauing vnder it Crecy, Colomiers in Bry, Ferte Gaucher, Moneaux, S. Tiare, Louerre, Laigny, Brye, County Robert, Torcy doe depend of Chastelet in Paris.

Prouince, a Baylwoike whereto haue recourse  
 Sazaine,

Sazaine, Loy, the castell Bray vpon Seine, Monterain, Vallery, Nanges.

Castelthierrie, a bayliwike comprehending Chastillon vpon Marne, Tareffons, Castle Ouchy, Milly, S. Front.

In Champagne and Berry there are also Mery, Tonuille, Rebel, Glaye, Dormans, Joigny, Tonnerre, and Vezelay.

*The Territorie of Auxerre.*

*Auxerre.*

Auxerre a Bailiwoike head of the same, wherein are contayned Chablais, Tontenay, &c.

*The land of Chartres.*

*Chartres.*

Chartres a bailiwoike wheron doe depend Nogent le Roy, Neufchastel in Timerais, Vadosme, Estampes, Dreux, Houdan, Dordan, Espernon, great Perch, that which contayneth Bazach, Gouet, Aluy, Momiral, Brou, Autonne, Rouxmaillard, Conde vpon Huynes, and Nogent le Roteron.

Beauce which comprehendeth the tolongs of Tourry, Angeruill, Merennelle, Genuille, Artenay, Yeinuille is of the Bayliwoike of Orleance.

Sologne, which hath vnder it Gergeau, Suly, Ferte, S. Laurence des Eaux, Clery, Millansay, and Remorentine, whereof some are depending vpon the Bayliwoike of Orleance, and some of the Bayliwoike of Blois.

Orleance a Bayliwoike, whereto haue recourse Boiscommune, Castlereinard, Yeinuille in Beausse, Castle Yeure, Neufuille at the lodges, Gian, Montargis, Lorris, Meune vpon Loire, Baugency, Gergeau, Clery, &c.

Blois, a Bayliwoike whereto haue recourse Milancy, Remorentin, Chambort, &c.



*Touraine.**Touraine.*

Tours a Bayliwike, contayning Chinon, Lodun, Thouars, Longests, Amboise, Loches, Chastillon upon Indre, Montrichard, Chaumont, Beaulieu, Pauny.

*Mayne.**Mayne.*

Mauns a Bayliwike, to it haue recourse la Val, the castell of Loir, Beaumont, S. Salane, Castlegautier Flesch, Maine, Luhaiz, Sable and la Ferte Bernard.

*Aniow.**Aniow.*

Angiers a Bayliwike wherein are contained Saurmur, Bouge, Beaufort, Pont de se, Montloreau, Brisfac, Chantoceaux, Lude, Durall.

*Poictow.**Poictow.*

Poictiers a Bayliwike comprehending Luffon, Mailezai, the Isles of Re and Oleron, Niort, Fontenay, Monmorillon, Lusignan, Ciuray, Thauars, S. Maxent, Partenay, Chastelleraut, Melle, Rochsuryon, Chize, Chauigny, Angle, Lussac, Orinac, Bresseure, S. Lou, Blanc, Charcoux, Gensay, Chastaigners, S. Melun, Paluiau, Sables, or the sands, Aulonne, Mareuille, S. Hermine, Montagu, Coue, Viuorne, Mortemer, Lezay, S. Sauin, Burgaite, Maigne, Vouët, Mernaut, Chefbouton, Marrillac, Chasteauneuf, Dompierre, Baygereau, Iarnac, Argenton, Aspremont, S. Michael en le her, Maulion, Mortaigne, Tiffanges, Essars, Ton Bomint, Talmonde, Saulay.

*Ango-  
lesme.**Angolesme.*

Rochell a Bayliwike for the Territozy of Aunis. Angolesme a bayliwike contayning the totones of Chasteauneuf, Cognac, Aubeterre, Marron, Villebois, Mareuille, Mombacon, Bouteuille.

*Berry.**Berry.*

Bourges a Bayliwike comprehending Sancerre, Cosn

Cosne, Coucressant, Aubigny vpon Nerre, Selles, Meneste Vierzon, Doule Roy Chasteauneuf, Bouffac, Augurane, Cluys, Argenton, Chastre, Blanc in Berry, Chasteauroux, Buzances, Paluau, Chastillon, Prenby, Chasteaumeillât, Linieres, Charroix, Essoudun, Menu vpon Yeure, Lury, Cracay, Augelon, S. Aignan, Leu-roux, Vatan.

*Bourbon, Auueigne and Neuers, and the territorie of Douzye.*

Molins a Bayliwike.

S. Pierre le Moustier a bayliwike for part of Bourbon and Auuergne, as Bourbon Xancois S. Pourfain Casset, also for Keuers Douzy Desize Clamery Augil-  
lert S. Leonard S. Sange Laizi Premery Charite Ca-  
stle Chinon Lornie Cosne in Berry.

*Lyons, Biauuolois, and Forrest.*

*Lyons,  
&c.*

Lyons a bayliwike, containing Monbrisson, the  
Capitall of Forrest, Teures S. Steuen of Turan S. Salim-  
er S. Germain le val, the castell of S. Bonet, Rouane,  
Vrse, Colen.

*Mascon.*

Mascon a Bayliwike hauing vnder it Tourues,  
&c. howbeit this countrie is vnder the gouernment  
of Bourgondie.

*Mascon.*

*Auuergne, wherein are :*

*Auuergne*

Ryon a Bayliwike of Limagne, hauing vnder it  
Clermont Montferrant Combrailles Montagu Ai-  
gueres Montpensier Billon Issoire Brionde Langeac  
S. Germain Lambrun Eusbreule S. Porfain Cusset  
Montmorin Montgason Antragues Cuseron Ron-  
don Fontamilles Pontgibaut, &c.

Orillac a Bayliwike of high Auuergne, compre-  
hending S. Flour Carlat Murat Chaudes Aigues of  
the whot waters,



*Limosin.**Limosin which hath :*

**In high** Limosin, Limoges and Iuet, Perch, S. Iunon, S. Leonard, Saloignac, Souterrane, Beneuent, Pierrebuffier, Segur, Chasluz, Cars, Maignac.

**In low** Limosin are Vantadour, Turrenne, Combert, Tulle, Vzerch, Bryne, Treignac, Douzenac, Alafac, Beaulieu, Meiffac, Vilet, Pompodour, Ruffignac.

*Roan.*

*Vnder the Parliament of Roan is all Normandy,  
which containeth :*

**Roan, a Bayliwike.**

**Eureux a bayliwike** cōprehending Vernon, Aigle, Passy, Breteuille, Rugles, Brayne, Hermeinaille, &c, Lisieux, Honflew, Pontaudemer.

**Caux, a bayliwike** comprehending Gisors, S. Clere vpon Epte. Pontoise is rather of Fraunce, Gournay, Aumale, Neufchastel, Heu, Dieppe, S. Valery vpon the sea, Tescampe, Houre, Harflew, Caudebec.

**Alenfon a bayliwike.**

**Caen a bayliwike.**

**Bayeux, a bailiwoke** containing Sees, Falais, Guibray, Torigny, Argenton, Hiesmes, Vire.

**Constances, the capitall of Constantine, whereto haue recourse** Aurenches, Carenton, Valognes, S. Lohay, Poiuel, Granuille a **hauen**, Launde Herould, Mōtebourg, Hogue, S. Voast, Barfleur, Cherebourg, Breuall, Briquebec, Amby, Hogue, **which is almost an Island**, Gerzaie, Grenezaie, Sere, **Islands.**

*Renes.*

*Vnder the Parliament of Renes is Britaine,  
which comprehendeth :*

**Renes, Dol, S. Malo otherwise called Alet, Caucal, Combours, Sambriort, Dinant, Castle Briand, Lambales, Treguier, alias Landrignat, or Quimpercorentine, Vannes, S. Brioux, Quintin, Iungon, Auangour, Guimpand, Leon alias S. Paule Cornouaill, Rohan, Guime-**



Guimenay, Chambourg, Guerch, Nantes, Auceins, Clifson, Montagu, Raiz, Blossac, Pont eue, Vitry, Fouggiers.

*Vnder the Parliament of Dijon is Bourgondy,*  
*which comprehendeth.*

*Dijon.*

Dijon a Bayliwike vnder the which are Beaune, Nintz, Aufonne, S. Iohn de Laune, and Tallent.

Autune a bayliwike comprehending Monteins, Bourbonency and Semur in Brionois.

The bayliwike of the land of Aux contayneth Semur in Aux, Aualon, Arnay le duc, Noyers, Sau lieu, Flaigny, Mombarre, Viteaux, Raniers, Mont S. Iohn le Moustier, Espoisses.

Chalon a bayliwike.

The bayliwike of the mountains.

Charolois a bayliwike whereof Charolois is the capitall towne.

*Vnder the Parliament of Grenoble is Dauphine, which*  
*is diuided into two parts :*

*Grenoble.*

High Dauphine comprehendeth the Townes of Ambrune, Valence, Gap, Dye, S. Paule, &c.

Low Dauphine containeth Grenoble, Vienne, Romans, Gest, Brianzon, Môtelimart, Triennes, S. Antony of Viennois, S. Valier, Coste, Moustier, castle Dauphine.

*Vnder the Parliament of Aix is Prorince,*  
*which comprehendeth these townes :*

*Aix.*

Aix, Marceilles, Antibes, S. Honore an isle in the sea, Freins, Erez, Tolon, S. Victor, S. Maximin, Casteron, Pont S. Esprit, Craux, Tarascon, Martegue, Salon of Craux, S. Chama, the 3 Maries, Arles, S. Giles, Agui-mortes, Senas, Malemort, Ourdon, Andage, Escalles, Seiues, Colmars, Castelaume, Riez, Moustier, Draguignon, Lirques, Folcaquier, Vallenfollie, Oigne.

Auignon Caualion Nice Aurenge and Carpètras  
are not the kings.

*Tholouze* Under the Parliament of Tholouze is Languedocke  
with other Countries, as :

Viualets, wherof Viuiers is cheefe.

Velay, wherein standeth Puy and Tournon.

Geuoudan, whereof Mande is capitall.

Languedocke, which comprehendeth Tholouse  
Narbone Carcasson Beziers Agde Lodesne Castelnaw  
Ary the cheefe towne of Lauragnes.

Rouergue containing Rhodes Alby and Castres,  
Albygeois.

Rouerau containing Cahors Montaubon Castle-  
serrasin Montech Moissac and Lausarte.

Guyenne hath recourse also to Tholouse.

Foix a Countie, comprehending the Townes of  
Paumiers Saurdun Malers Carmain Mirepoix and  
Rieux.

Cominges, containing S. Bertrاند Conserans S.  
Fregeon S. Beat Montregeau Saliers Cohcilles Pau-  
mier Esperon . Also in the lowe countrie of Co-  
minges, Lombers Samathan Ile Dodon Muret Ru-  
imes Dez Saueterre and Montpesat.

Isle in Iordain, a countie containing the towne of  
Laignac.

Gauze, a countie containing the Townes of Gi-  
mont Beaumont and Grenade.

The land of Agen comprehending Agen Port S.  
Mari Villeneuve in Agenois Hautelay Clerac Touers  
and Mermande.

Condome comprehendeth Condome Nerae Valence  
Lairac Romion and Montreal.

Estrac a Countie, containing Mirand Pauy Caste-  
hiau of Barbereus Santelix Cimore Saramon.

Armignac

Armignac containing Lectour Auchx Castera Vic-  
ynogueron Casanbon Ense.

Bigorre, comprehending Tarbes Trie Rauistains  
Maubourget Baigners Lorde.

*Vnder the Parliament of Bourdeaux is Guyenne,  
which comprehendeth:*

*Bourde-  
aux.*

Xaintonge containning Xaintes Blaye Marennes  
Marans Pons S. Iohn d'Angely, Barbezieux Boury and  
Soubize.

Perigort containning Perigeux Sarlate Bergerat  
Linde Miremont Mussidam Lisle Ribierac Mantrone  
Branthone and Luncis.

*Reolle.*

*Reolle.*

The land betweene two seas, containing S. Ba-  
fill Montsegur S. Terme Castlemoron Gerind Same-  
terre S. Macire, the Countie of Benanges, Liborne  
Fronfac.

The territoire of Bourdeaux containning Bour-  
deaux Graue Elparre, the land of Medoc Blanquefort,  
the principallitie of Busch, the countrie of Laundes,  
the Duchie of Albret, Chalosse, &c.

Bazadois comprehending Bazas Montdeniarson  
Castlegeloux Aire, the Mas of Aire.

Gascoigne containing S. Severe Axe Bayonne S.  
Iohn de Luz.

*The king of Navarre hath two Parliaments.*

Pau for the territory of Biene which comprehen-  
deth Pau Oleron Escarre Ortes Morlais Nay Pontac  
Cadeich Nauerrems and Serrances.

S. Palas, or S. Pelasge, whereto haue recourse the  
whole Navarrian Biskay.

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